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AND ETHIOPIA SHALL STRETCH FORTH HER HAND

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RIDGEL TO HENDERSON.

He Charges The Recording Secretary of The Department

Of Foreign Missions With Plotting Like Brutus to Thrust a Dagger In Him.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

It is seldom that I condescend to answer such unfair, base and erratic articles as the one in question. We live in an age of method, thought, and we should conform to the rules and regulations with which we are surrounded. We are too far advanced in the higher pursuits of life to indulge in ignorant harangue, irony and sarcasm. Common sense and decency should place us above such malicious practices, to say nothing of those who lay special claims to high literary training.

Public controversies are, from the nature of things, expected to be conducted on a respectable basis—clear of all high-handed slander, which is only peculiar to mean, malignant and thoughtless individuals, who, unable to argue on the higher planes, where stands the the noble minds of the age, beat the air, blackguard, censure and berate in order to gain the attention of the reading public. Such seems to be the policy of our dear brother Henderson, a man for whom I have entertained the friendliest feelings, and never for a moment thought him to be capable of such mischief. I supposed, as brother Henderson had impressed the public very favorably with his writing, etc., that he would be ashamed to attach his name to such a wilful, malignant, illogical and nonsensical article as the one that appeared in The Freeman of February 17th.

Brutus-like, he plots with his friends, to thrust a dagger to the moral heart of a man that has never done him anything harmful, but have always spoken of him in the most commendable terms. Some years ago, when it was rumored that Rev. J. M. Henderson was "Plutarch" of the Plaindealer, who wrote such inflammatory articles against some of the most prominent ministers of the A. M. E. church, among whom were Rev. W. H. Heard, D. D., Rev. C. S. Smith, D. D., Rev. Knight and others of the late General Conference of the A. M. E. church, no one was more uncompromising in denouncing the allegation than myself. I did not then, nor do I yet, believe Bro. Henderson wrote such slanderous and damaging matter against the members of his own church and race, simply upon floating rumors. I have always been very careful not to invade the sacred domains of moral rectitude. It should be remembered that there is nothing of so much value to an individual as their moral standing. The immortal Shakespeare says: "He who robs me of my purse, steals trash; but he who robs me of my good name, filches me of that, that not enriches him, and leaves me poor indeed."

We should be very careful how we give credence to mere floating rumors. Show me the public man, about whom no injurious rumors have not been circulated? I thank God that I have never been guilty of throwing a gloom over the moral sky of my fellow man. However, if brother Henderson is anxious to enter a moral combat, go ahead my brother, but remember, that I shall give the public information that will not be pleasant to you, nor by any means beneficial to your client. Such information can be easily obtained and will not fail to have the desired effect. I do not know what charges Rev. Henderson and his client may have secured against me—this, however, I do know. I was not charged by the conference of which I was a member; I was properly transferred to the African conference; I did not slip away from Arkansas where I spent eight years in the active ministry; I was indorsed by the Bishop and conference; I received substantial help from the three Arkansas conferences, which quite satisfied me so far as my moral standing is concerned.

Perhaps brother Henderson has secured a series of charges against me, if so, and he wishes to furnish them to the reading world, why go on my heroic colleague. But you must remember that you cannot scare me into silence. Oh no, you are mistaken in your man. Just publish anything you or your client may have fraudlessly secured against me, I am quite prepared to defend myself, and can at any moment produce counter charges. However, I shall "hasten slowly" to scatter the rancor of slander in the higher departments of our church. I love my church; I love my brethren; but I am no dog to be kicked about by defunct politicians and ecclesiastical bosses.

Will brother Henderson answer the following questions:

1st. If a Bishop gives an unlawful appointment, who is to blame, the minister who receives it, or the Bishop who gives it?

2d. If the Board does not recognize my appointment as given by Bishop Turner, what right have the members of said Board to demand my return?

3d. As the Board has demanded my return, whose duty is it to defray my expenses?

4th. Please show me the law for recalling ministers of the gospel from regularly organized conferences?

5th. What has become of our transfer system?

6th. If a minister is charged with any crime, which is the proper court for his trial, before his annual conference or in the public newspapers, before the Missionary Board, and before conferences of which he was never a member?

7th. What are the duties of the Bishop of Africa?

8th. Should not the Board with equal propriety made the appointments for the Indian Territory, and Oklahoma missions?

Now, Mr. Editor, you will pardon the length of this letter. Just here I wish to serve timely notice on brother Henderson that I came to Africa without the help or permission of the Board, and I propose to remain here until I am ready to return. The Board can order me out of Africa as much as it pleases, but until it sends me $225 to defray my expenses, I shall remain here and faithfully discharge the duties involved upon me. I was very sure, when the Board ordered me home, the money would be forth-coming, but as such is not the case, I shall content myself and go on with the work.

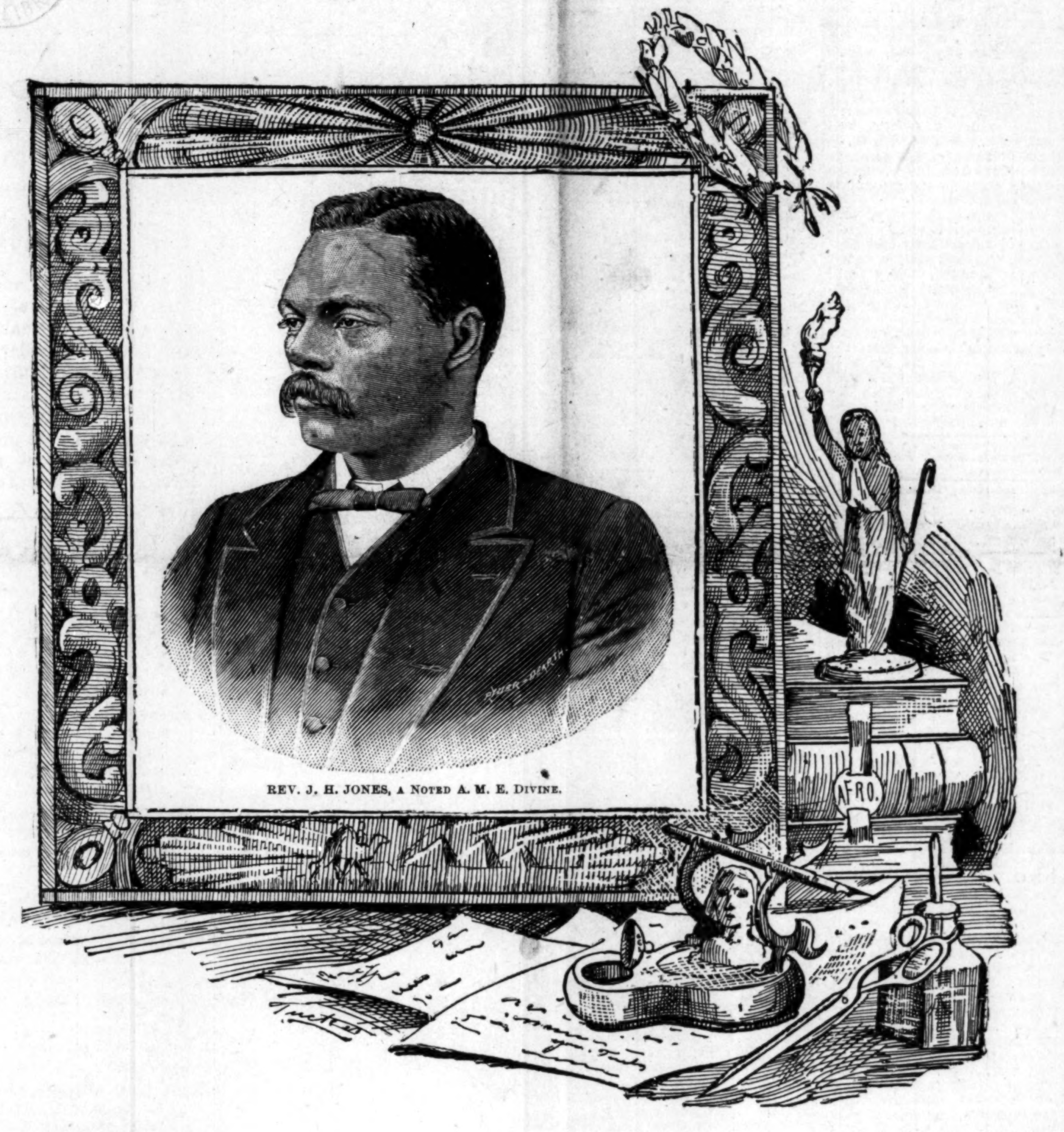
Time will develop the mysteries hid away in this matter. God will curse the A. M. E. church unless she redeems her pledges to Africa and the heathen world. The time of bossism and Negro-driving in the church has passed. Every man has rights that demand respect. Ecclesiastical bosses will have a hard time to "lord it over God's heritage." Despotism must die under the light of moral courage and independence. The gods must be dethroned, and Christ Jesus must reign.

If I have been the cause of all the trouble in Africa, etc., why don't the Board pay my way out of Africa? So long as I am in Africa, I shall see after the interest of our African work, Dr. Henderson and his client, notwithstanding. If they are fooled up to think they, or a thousand of their kind, can scare me into silence or fearful submission, they are fooled indeed.

I have entered no combat with J. M. Henderson. Bro. Derrick is a man of at least reasonable intelligence, and can, I am sure, make his own defense. However, I see to-day, from a Western paper, that J. M Henderson is a pettifogging lawyer of Detroit, Mich., hence his interference. From all accounts, Henderson is not a very good friend to Africa at any rate. His Bishop had occasion to lament the niggardly reports of this young Brutus and his conference. Perhaps if he would attend his own business, he would make better reports.

A. L. RIDGEL, A. B.

Monrovia, Liberia, April 4, 1894.



REV. J. H. JONES, A NOTED A. M. E. DIVINE.

Received The Prize.

Wilmington, Del., Special.

Rev. W. B. Derrick, D. D., lectured at Bethel A. M. E. church Tuesday evening, to a large and appreciative audience. On the same evening and at the same church, Mrs. Hattie Mason was awarded a fine portrait of Dr. W. H. Herd, for selling the greatest number of tickets. Rev. J. M. Abbey, D. D., of Tennessee, was present at the Derick lecture, and presented the picture to Mrs. Hattie Mason, with a few appropriate remarks. Zion M. E. church is preparing to have an Inter-state May Queen contest by forty-five ladies, each representing a state of the Union. The lady receiving the greatest number of votes will be crowned Queen of States. Five cents entitles a person to a vote. Rev. W. W. Brown, of Richmond, Va., lectured to the Grand United Order of True Reformers, in Zion M. E. church, Thursday evening, after which a grand reception was tendered him by the order.

Hard Hearted Sinners.

Hot Springs, Ark., Late Special.

Dr. Whitman moved his gospel tent from one end of town to the other, but neither the awe of the tent, the polished shafts of the preacher, nor the soft strains of the choir seem adequate to stem the onward and downward rush of the Hot Springs sinner. He is a hard hearted, and withal a stubborn hearted biped. Roanoke Baptist church has, by resolution, given notice to the "blood and thunder" evangelist that vulgarity and profanity are not wanted. A good step. The Sunday schools of the city will hold their annual picnic on Thursday, May 24th, at Whittington park. Quite a stir has recently been caused among the men and women who work in the boat houses; the Secretary of the Interior having sent instructions that they must charge only one half their former prices for waiting on persons while bathing. The laborers are under such terror of being sent from the house that they dare not address a respectful remonstrance to the officer mentioned and explain to him the allowance is not living wages. Rev. C. P. Hughes, formerly of Ft. Worth, Tex., has located with us, and has charge of the Mt. Canaan Baptist church. Roanoke Baptist church is preparing for an $800 improvement. The Odd Fellows have postponed their anniversary one week, in order to be in their new hall.

An Interesting Meeting.

Kansas City, Kan., Special.

The first mass meeting of the Union Y. P. S. C. E., of Kansas City, Kan., was held in the Metropolitan Baptist church on the evening of May 8th. It was said to be the most interesting meeting of the kind ever witnessed in Kansas City. Papers were read by Mrs. Carrie L. Thomas, M. T. Comer, Miss S. R. Guy and J. J. Thomas. Music was furnished by the Endeavor choir, led by Misses Porter and Smith.

An Eloquent Lecture.

Blacksburg, S. C., Special.

Prof. W. R. A. Palmer, of Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., delivered an eloquent address before the students and friends of the graded school. Hundreds of people came in from the country and on excursion trains to witness the occasion. Prof. Palmer's return will be welcomed at any time. The Rev. D. W. Montgomery, of Dallas, N. C., preached on the night of the 3d, inst. Many other distinguished guests were present, many of whom took part in the exercises. The school is about three years old and is destined to be a school where the youth may obtain a fair education. One of the greatest needs is a student's dormitory. Prof. Palmer and Prin. S. P. Foster took in Whitteker's mountains and other places of interest.

Are you a professional man, minister, doctor, lawyer, why invest from $25.00 to $75.00 in a "time piece" for practical every day use? Only creatures with more money than brains do such things these days. Accept a present from THE FREEMAN, the celebrated "Premier" watch. Read our offer this issue.

Will Deliver The Annual Address.

Waco, Tex., Special.

Hon. J. M. Carlisle, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the annual address this year before the Literary society of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Tex., Tuesday night, June 5th. Such recognition of the work and standing of this institution is appreciated by the people of the state.

Suit Dismissed.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

Mr, and Mrs. S. D. Springfield have given up house-keeping and have gone to Union City, Tenn. Miss Edmonia Kennedy and the Misses Cabell are expected home from school this week. The drill corps of this city will compete with the Paducah club on the 28th, The suit against S. D. Springfield for seduction of Lizzie Carr, was dismissed. Rumor has it that Clarence Chatman, of Paducah, will wed a young lady from this city. The Household of Ruth will give an entertainment at the park Monday night.

Are you a "sport," then sport a "Premier." Good "timer," yours for a song. Read our offer in this issue.

MEMBERS OF CHAUTAUQUA.

Tendered His Resignation—Meeting of The Alumni.

High School Graduates—Dedication of the Wilde-Anderson Park—Marriage Bells—Resigned.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Miss Julia McGowan is recovering. Rev. M. F. Robinson, pastor of Hancock Street Christian church, has tendered his resignation to take effect June 1st. He leaves this week for several day's stay at Washington, D. C., on business. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Beaumont, of 1024 First street, is very happy—is a boy. J. D. Martin, of Chicago, was in the city visiting, the guest of Mrs. Hattie Alford, 611 Pleasant street.

Pius Simmons married on last Thursday evening to Mrs. Fannie Miller of South Louisville, Rev. J. H. Frank, officiating. Mrs. M. J. Henson left this week for her home at Adrian, Mich. Mrs. Rachel Lewis, of Chicago, is here. Mrs. Emma Jackson has returned from Bowling Green. Mrs. E. Bowman will leave in a few days for several month's stay at Frankfort, Ky. Mrs. Susan Hornsby left this week for Gallatin, Tenn., to visit relatives. The Alumni met at the residence of Miss Daisy Conrad, 1112 W. Walnut street, last Monday afternoon. The first excursion of the season arrived here last Saturday with 100 or more passengers from Owensboro, Ky. There will be twenty-eight graduates from the high school this year. The commencement will take place in Masonic Temple June 18th, at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Jerome Bullock is visiting in Danville, Ky. It is rumored that Richard Irvin and Miss Julia Simmons will be married next month.

Mrs. Martha Adkins has returned from a visit to friends at Versailes, Ky. E. E. Arnolds and Miss Charlotte Bryant will be married during the summer months. Chas. P. Grove is here. Attorney A. S. White spent some time in several towns through Indiana this week. Mrs. Emma Jetton has resigned from her position in the public school as teacher. Gatewood Brown is messenger at the post office. The public school picnic will take place on June 2d. W. G. Moore, 1004 Oak street, is agent for The Freeman. The annual sermon of the Ladies' Relief Corps No. 10, will take place at Twelfth Street A. M. E. Zion church, at 7:30 o'clock, Sunday evening, May 20th. Mrs. Emma J. Jackson, president. The U. B. F. and S. M. T. will send a large delegation to Little Rock, Ark, to attend the National Grand Lodge. State Grand Master W. A. Gaines, was in the city this week on business.

Rev. Parr, the newly appointed pastor of Knox Presbyterian church, paid a visit to the Western school last week. Prof. W. H. Perry and Mrs. A. P. Anderson, his mother, are members of the Chautauqua class of '93, and their names appear in the May number of the Chautauquan among the graduates. They are the two first colored graduates from the state of Kentucky to graduate from this class. It is certainly an honor for "Old Kentuck" to reap such honors. May others be successful in following in their footsteps. Prof. W. H. Perry is principal of one of the largest schools in this city. Mrs. T. R. Bell, of Chicago, Mrs. Dr. C. H. Phillips, Mrs. A. P. Anderson and Mrs. W. H. Perry, nee Ridgely, visited the Western school in a body this week, and expressed themselves as being well pleased with the progress of the work from an intellectual standpoint. Mrs. Phillips made several short addresses which were well received.

The Wilds-Anderson Park was dedicated to the public last Monday. Speeches were made by prominent citizens, and a financial benefit for the Orphans was realized therefrom. A game of baseball will take place Saturday morning, May 19th, at Y. M. C. A. park Twenty eighth and Elliott avenue, between the Eckstein Norton University team and the State University team.

Chas. Winterwood gave an excellent "Reading" at Odd Fellows hall Tuesday night to a packed house, for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A.

Faculty Of Art.

Lincoln, Univ., Pa., Special.

The faculty of Arts has made the following appointments for the commencement exercises June 5th: Messrs. W. W. McHenry, Latin salutatory; J. F. Blodgett, classical oration; J. P. Murphy, Philological oration; J. A. Browne sixth oration; S. P. C. Cowan, Physical oration; and Wm. Davis, Jr., valedictory. In the contest for the Bradley Medal, (which is given to the one getting the highest average in science during the senior year), J. F. Blodget was successful over the following contestant: Wm. Davis, Jr., J. P. Murphy, W. H. Thomas, J. S. Tennon, S. P. C. Cowan and L. J. McClellan. The college Glee club gave a very interesting entertainment at Oxford, Pa., on the 10th. Dr. S. A. Martin delivered a very interesting lecture to the students on the 10th. His subject was, "Nineveh, a Re-discovered City." Many facts were made clear as to the costumes, science, sculpture and literature of the ancients. On the 8th, inst., the Temperance League met in the Mary Dod Brown Chapel, and very able addresses were delivered by Messrs. Henry Cope, H. P. Butler and A. R. Rankin. The object of the league is to abolish the saloon in this state, and then, if possible, over the entire United States. The work here is very encouraging. Now that the Seniors have finished their examinations, they are enjoying themselves in fishing parties. But the time will soon come when they will have to face the stern realities of the world.

MAID AND MISTRESS

A Romance of Two Cousins.

WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE FREEMAN,

By AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, ("B. Square.")

Author of "Fred Jackson's Vow." "A Rolling Stone that Gathered Moss."
"Prof, L. Wilson Dozier." "The Raise Problem,"
"Hon. L. Sweitzer, M. C." Etc. Etc.

CHAPTER VII.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

"There's a letter for you, Mr. Tommy, on the buffet, sir, in the dining room," remarked the cook as Thomas Flannigan stole in the basement door and started up stairs, a few nights after his namesake in brown had penned the letters he hoped would ruin Sarah Jane.

"The devil you say! When did it come?"

"To-day, or at least to-night—since dinner, in the last mail, sir."

Thomas went in the dining room and picked up the letter and walked in the kitchen and stood by the range. He eyed it with care and suspicion, until his gaze met the business card of the Broadway law firm in the corner, when he remarked to himself: "Ah! I knew it, it's a bill, subpoena or some other law business. There is something wrong about this note postmarked Jersey City and in a New York's lawyer's envelope. I'll bet it's a bill, if it is and it's presented to the old man, my goose will be cooked, for he said the next one of my bills he had to pay he would have me arrested for taking that money last fall. If it is a subpoena or a warrant I may get in the jug, so I'll not read it, but burn it and say I did not get it." With these remarks he opened the range and committed Mr. Thomas Brooks' letters to the care of the flames.

"Mary, if any one calls about this letter tell them I got no letter, in fact say I have not been home for a week and won't be for two weeks more. Don't say a word about it to my father, keep mum; here is a dollar for you," and Thomas rushed out of the house to hide for a week or ten days until, as he remarked, the "storm blew over" or he found out who sent the letter. As he could not remember the name of the lawyer, he concluded to "lay low" for a few days.

Tom Brooks' plot was foiled by the following incident: The young man to whom he gave the letter to mail forgot it and carried it in his pocket for several days, until one day it dropped out upon the floor very much soiled and pocket worn. He enclosed the soiled envelope with an apology for the delay in an official or deed envelope of his employer's and mailed it in Jersey City. Young Flannigan had no use for notes from lawyers and concluded wrongly that the contents of this letter, like many others, was the forerunner of evil, and burned it, thereby preventing Brooks for the time being from soiling the good name of our heroine.

Sarah Jane, the Misses Flannigan and mother, having made all needful arrangements for seeing the old world, set sail for Liverpool the first week in June. Nothing but the usual sea sickness is note worthy until we find their names upon the register of the Hotel St. George, and the head waiter in the act of seating Messrs. Capps and Hayes at the opposite side of the table.

"Take seats 'ere gentlemen, these guests are from the United States and we always try to put country people together don't yer know," and with a polite bow he seated the young Afro-Americans opposite Sarah Jane and the young ladies, Mrs. Flannigan having gone to her room to get a little drop of the well known liquid made in the Blue Grass state. After taking several "drops" of a size known in the bar room vocabulary as "three fingers," she concluded to have her dinner "carted" up by that Johnnie Bull they call "Boots." She ate her dinner in blissful ignorance of the fact that there were two Afro-Americans seated at the table with her daughters and their faithful companion.

There were several other Americans of the good old John Brown, Thad. Stevens and Charles Sumner stripe seated at the same table, who opened a friendly conversation with our young dark skin friends, and the Misses Flannigan, we are pleased to note, were too much ladies to turn up their noses at the new comers. They were in Rome, so to speak, and resolved, live or die, survive or perish, to be Romans at least until dinner was over.

Several times the eyes of Newton Capps and Sarah Jane Whitehurst met, of course by accident, as lovers' eyes always do. These "soul interpreters, the eyes," as Lord Byron says, informed the young quadroon that Capps admired her beautiful face, and she wondered in her mind if he knew that she was "colored."

After dinner as the two young men sat in one of the parks smoking their cigars, Capps remarked:

"I say, Willis, that young woman in blue at the table was just charming."

"Yes?"

"And let me tell you, I believe she has African blood in her veins. I think she is passing for white."

"Bosh! What supreme nonsense, why you are crazy, she is the fairest of the four, so your conclusions are not logical."

"I almost know that she is colored, I have never made a mistake of that kind in my life. There is something in the eyes of a person passing for white who is colored that tells me the secret. I can't fully explain it, but you know I believe in the language of the eyes. In that language I asked her if she was not of African parentage, and—"

Ha, ha, ha! What did she say? Nute, why you are going mad or preparing to be Othello No. 2."

"You may laugh and poke fun, but we must change our hotel at once," replied Capps.

"Well, suppose we go to London?"

"Any place where I will not be haunted by that beautiful face and those soul-piercing eyes and be in doubt about their owner being a full blooded Anglo-American."

"Why you said a minute ago you knew she was colored."

"I do, or at least I think so, and hope so."

"Suppose she is colored and passing for white, what is the good of your falling in love with her. Again, suppose she is colored and passing for colored, do you think she has waited all these years to meet you in Liverpool before giving her heart and hand to some other colored man. Say, Capps, you are going mad, the air of this town does not agree with you. Yes, let's go to London. Come, we'll start at once."

They returned to the Hotel St. George, got their luggage, as the English call baggage, and started for the world's greatest city. The Misses Flannigan and Sarah Jane watched them depart from the ladies' parlor. When they had gone, Miss Sadie Flannigan remarked to Sarah Jane:

"Don't tell mama that those two colored men sat at the table with us, it would almost kill her. I did not like it myself, but over here they seem to go where they want to go regardless of their being a low class."

Sarah Jane made no reply, but looked dreamingly out upon the street.

"Why should I disown my own people, my mother's people and the race I love, and what a noble, manly face! I almost believe he knew I was colored. Oh, this lie I am living will kill me," she said to herself.

Love goes where it is sent, but does not always return. Capps sent the little messenger with his heart to Sarah Jane at the dinner table. Did she send the little god back with her heart in return? Time will tell.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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Many Interesting Personals.

Hannibal, Mo., Special.

May 6th was rally day at the A. M. E. church. It was a grand success. They realized several hundred dollars to pay for the parsonage. The ladies of the A. M. E. Sewing Circle had a grand success with their art exhibition. The net proceeds was $50. The Hen Nest social at the Eighth and Center St. Baptist church was a grand affair. The nest containing the most eggs and $1.00 was found by a little boy. The A. M. E. church is progressing nicely, under the pastorage of Rev. R. L. Beal. He intends to remodel the church in the near future. When done it will be one of the finest churches in the city. The Eighth and Center St. Baptist church is progressing nicely, under the pastorate of Rev. G. H. McDaniel. He is called the "Baptist giant." Prof. J. H. Pelham has not had his mind on his school very much since the arrival of a fine daughter. The professor is a hustler. Mrs. J. C. C Owen, of Topeka, Kan., is in the city visiting her grandmother. Luther Abbey, of Des Moines, Ia., was in the city recently visiting his parents. Z. J, Johnson, who has been visiting his old home for two or three monts, left for Minneapolis, Minn., Thursday night. Mrs. Jennie Marshal has returned home from Richmond, Mo., where she has been visiting her sister. It is rumored that Misses Jennie Marshall and Jennie Frazier will soon leave for Indionapolis, Ind, to enter the colored ladies' dress cutting and sewing school of Prof. De LaMorton, John Fisher, of this city, has recently became insane. He has been taken to the asylum at St. Joseph. Miss Carrie Owen and Miss Mamie Cook will leave for Chicago soon. Ween Johnson, a young man, has been sick for several months. Richard Owen and Miss Lizzie Powers were married last week. Wm. Anderson, of Sedalia, and Miss Shortridge, of Hannibal, Mo., were married last week. If any one wants to see a beautiful place, come to Hannibal now. The hills are green and trees budding out. It is a picturesque site.

Every boy wants a watch. Have you a boy, encourage him early in life to invest his earnings wisely and judiciously. Encourage him to have a "Premier" watch. Read our offer in this issue.

Murray Re-nominated.

Charleston, S. C., Special.

Since the recent change in the Congressional Districts of South Carolina the Republicans of the first Congressional district met in convention and nominated as their candidate the Hon. G. W. Murray, who now represents the seventh district, but by the re-districting was put in the first. The fight was bitter and severe but principle triumphed and the Negro has at last stamped out the last vestage of Demagogy. Gen. Rob. Smalls and a few of his compatriots feeling the necessity of trying to keep up his (Smalls) prestige, which happily is a thing of the past met in a yard near by to stem the popular current which resulted in the nomination of Murray. He caused it however to be announced in the News and Courier that he also received a nomination from the first district, a thing which the people feel will be repudiated by National Ex. Comt.

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WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

Read Before The Garnet Literary Association, Friday, April 27, 1894.

Long time ago, in slavery days,
When might was held as right,
The slave, as he toiled in deep despair,
Would long for the morning light.

He oft would look up to that God
Who hears his people pray,
And ask him, for the sake of Christ,
To hasten Freedom's day.

There seemed no answer to the prayer
The day delayed so long,
And yet he never lost his faith
Nor murmured 'gainst the wrong.

But still he prayed and toiled in hope,
Longing for the break of day,
For the rising up of freedom's sun
To chase the night away.

Ever and anon through midnight gloom
Through darkness and despair
The cry of broken hearted men
Rang out upon the air:

"O watchman," they were heard to cry,
"Come, tell us of the night,
Tell us how long oppression's heel
Shall trample down the right!"

And silently they took their task
And toiled and labored on
Until at last in God's own time
He sent the happy morn.

Forth from an awful sea of blood
The sun of freedom rose,
And from four million slaves there fell
The bonds of slavery's woes.

Then such a shout as filled the land
Was never heard before,
For fratricidal war had ceased
And slavery was no more.

Then went they forth with new found joy,
Four million ignorant men,
A nation made in a single day
By a stroke of Lincoln's pen.

Thirty years have passed away,
But still with lusty might
The same despairing cry rings out:
"O, tell us of the night!"

"Tell us of that prophetic time
When prejudice shall cease,
When every man, what e'er his race,
May live and die in peace."

For though the sun of freedom rose
And shed its beams around.
Yet prejudice and hatred, too,
Against us still abound.

In every nook, at every turn,
We meet with, face to face,
The awful fact that we belong
To the hated Negro race.

Equality of man, they say,
Does not extend to us;
And so they try with might and main
To keep us in the dust.

Although no longer chained we be
Nor sold in the market place,
Still we are slaves to prejudice
And hated for our race.

"Tell us then," cries the hopeless one,
"Shall we forever be
Slaves to hate and prejudice
Although by law we're free?"

"Is there no justice for my race?
No prospect for the right?
O, watchman, for the sake of God
How long shall be the night?"

To such a one the watchman cries.
"The night is not yet past
But be assured in God's own time.
The day will break at last."

Then let us wait and murmur not,
But trust in God and right,
'Till everlasting truth shall rise
And chase away the night.

And noble sons of Afric's race,
Who have its good at heart,
Help, help to haste that glorious day
By acting well your part.

Then shall it be that we no more
Oppressed by the white,
Shall cry in agony and grief:
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Negroes Employed on Street Labor.

Leadville, Colo., Special.

I. W. Born is on the sick list. Mrs. Geo. Roll's two little daughters, who have been with their sister in Kansas for some months, have returned to Leadville, accompanied by their sister-in-law, and will remain here with their parents. Mrs. Henry, who has been quite sick, is able to be out again. Mrs. Emily Ewing and her grand daughter, Miss Mamie McLeod, have returned from their visit to Kansas and Missouri. Mrs. L. Gilbert, of Denver, is soon to return to Leadville to spend the summer. Ed Hamilton is expecting his wife, daughter and baby son home from Denver soon. Tom Flinn has returned from Cripple Creek and is the guest of Mrs. Hodges, on W. Sixth street. The weather is fair but very windy. M. E. Robinson has returned from his visit to the Queen City. T. S. Steaward is fixing up his residence, presumable to take to himself a bride. Mrs. M. E. Lee is suffering with rheumatism. The Republican municipals are employing colored men to work the streets, which has heretofore been done by foreigners. The principles of the party are all right, but the party is composed of some very bad material. Leadville is soon to have another electric light plant. The company is organized and will commence work soon. Business is rapidly improving, and some that left here on the account of dull times are returning. There is considerable gold being taken out. One mine alone is said to produce more gold than all Cripple Creek, and now that the snow has gone and places of mining can be worked, we have great hope of Leadville resuming her former activity. Listen for the wedding bells. We will be able to report more fully in our next. Buy The Freeman so as to get the news. Bennie Simpson is home from Golden, Colo. The literary society meets the first and third Monday evenings in each month. All are invited to attend. Mrs. John Hedspath left here last week to visit her sister in Baltimore, who has been sick for some time. D. Roberson, of Wichita, Kan., is in the city. The A. M. E. Sunday school is preparing for Children's Day June 10th. The third annual Quarterly meeting will be held at the A. M. E. church May 27th, at which time Presiding Elder P. A. Hubbard is expected to be in the city. There will be an entertainment at the above named church on the 9th for the benefit of the presiding elder. The Sewing Circle was entertained at the parsonage on last Wednesday evening by Messrs. A. J. Young and S. T. Steward, who acquitted themselves as entertainers, and now the ladies are loud in their praise of these two gentlemen and hope they will come to the front again soon. Readers, don't forget that the approaching wedding will be announced in the next issue of The Freeman. Buy a paper and be posted, so you will be ready for the grand event.

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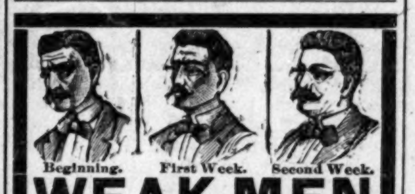
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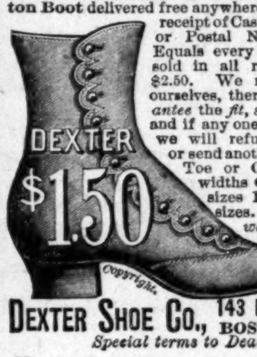

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

"Never waste your lather to shave a jack-ass," I would adhere to the above Spanish adage were it not for the fact that wrong impressions might be made upon the many readers of the Freeman. It has been a cardinal principle of my life to never strike at small things, but to the contrary to deal with that which is elevating in its touch. Sympathize with me in my humiliation and chagrin at being drawn into a literary controversy with a man too ignorant to either read, write or intelligently understand the English language! As the Rev. R. D. Dunbar was too cowardly to mention my name, and too illiterate to write his own article in condemnation of my position taken in the Republican published here, I deem it expedient and right to let the world know the kind of mould in which he is cast, and who "the certain teacher is in our community." The Fayetteville Republican is a bright, progressive journal published by L. C. Ambrose (white) actuated by motives to lift the Afro-Americans of this city to a higher plane of manhood and recognition, he voluntarily gave us one column in his paper that we might show our progress and inclination to higher things. This is gratifying to me as the column came to us unsolicited. I gratefully accepted the offer. He selected me to "write up" the column. Any man with the sense of an ante-bellum 'possum can see that this was a great thing for the race and a straw showing the course of the wind. Mr. Ambrose received congratulations from some of the most influential white men in the city upon his new departure. I do not speak egotistically when I say that I too was congratulated by my race and many of the whites of the city, among whom was one of the Professors in the State University located here.

As is generally the case by such men as Mr. Dunbar's calibre, the column was condemned and nothing better suggested by him in substitution. This is too bad, dear readers, for we should be sympathetic with one who has nothing but the traditions and antics of Negro quarters to illuminate their pathway through this progressive and enlightened age.

Any one accustomed to reading, or any one that can read, readily sees that all the girls in the United States are not included, but a particular class in this city. It is very hard to make one understand the force of words who has not the ability to read and write intelligently, but must get some one to write for them. The greatest curse of the race to-day in the South is just such preachers and disturbers of peace as Mr. Dunbar. But through all this there is hope that they must soon give way for an educated, moral ministry. I'm sorry to lose time to reply to this ignoramus, knowing well the end will not justify the means.

For the gratification of Mr. Dunbar and his secretary, I will give a brief analysis of what I meant. In this city as in many Southern cities, are always colored girls who have no one to care for them. This condition forces them to work in white families. These families do not require all their time, but buy books for them, teach them morality, cleanliness, and start them to the public schools. I think this is doing much for the race and should be appreciated in full. The foundation for intelligence, morality, and cleanliness is early laid in youth, being safe and enduring as time. Were not Mr. Dunbar barren of these elements he could appreciate the force of the extract and not try to drag the entire female sex into his net. Will any one deny that these influences are not effective in moulding the character of the individual? I have several such girls attending my school and they are nice girls too; but would I be foolish enough to say that all their good qualities came from the white families? No reference was had to any other girls outside this particular class and Mr. Dunbar knows it unless he failed to understand the one who was kind enough to read the Freeman for him. I hope this is clear to the Reverend. It is true that we have many God-sent, consecrated ministers in the South who are doing all they can for the race, but we have too many of the "sun do move," pot liquor preachers under the banner of the immaculate Dunbar who is representative of all that is ante-bellum and ignorant.

It is unfair, unmanly and cowardice in the extreme, to drag the fair name of his wife, my wife or any other man's wife before the public. If the Reverend will reflect backward about a year he will see that he made quite a mistake in bringing up the females in the confab. He, of all men, can least afford it. But listen: "where did my wife, who never worked for a white family, get her moral training?" Mr. Dunbar well knows that I cannot tell, neither can I vouch for the training of those who received it before I was born, and before the war, known, pertly speaking, as "Paul's times." He ought to know that I sympathize with any one reared under that "peculiar institution." But hark once more to the ignorant Stentorian: "He casts a reflection upon himself and the colored ministry who are paid for and are giving their lives for the work." Had the hard cider divine thought a moment, he would not have let his secretary slip in the above sentence. Let's see what such ignoramuses as he are giving the race. This hard cider divine practically abandoned his pulpit to enter the grocery business. His white neighbors doing business next to him objected on account of the immorality and hilarity practiced in his evil haunts. Therefore the Reverend had to get up and dust himself for another part of the city. This moralist (?) kept hard cider on hand day and night (the boys said it was spiked) and it was a common thing to find the house filled with men raging for hard cider. You will better see my position when I tell you that this is a "dry" town.

This unpleasant scene went on to the disgust of the white ministry and decent colored ministry of the city, who chanced to pass this den of vice. You will not be surprised when I tell you that many women of questionable repute visited this hard cider stall and the Reverend waited upon them. Thank God, the better element of our ladies passed this place which polluted even the atmosphere of the street. Has Mr. Dunbar ever known a white minister or decent colored minister to do this? This is the man who hoists his banner of morality for the people of this city when a teacher dares to speak of them in language he cannot understand when it is read to him. This is the ilk of a minister that is so careful about what is written about the race. Is this the kind of ministry that is to teach us Christianity, morality and temperance? Is this the kind of influence that the hard cider divine wants our girls to imbibe? I want Mr. Dunbar to understand that he has not only published his ignorance to the world but has insulted the better element of the whites of this city, who have done so much for some of our unfortunates. The article practically tells the whites of the city that no morality or intelligence is practiced in their homes, therefore the Negro cannot imbibe any. You, Sir, from your ignorant throne have done the race more harm than anything that has transpired for many years. Have you forgotten the fact that many of the best white ladies visited and assisted in the burial of Mrs. Hattie Lewis who died a few weeks ago! Have you forgotten the fact that the tears of the whites and blacks mingled on that occasion? Veil your face in shame and sit in sackcloth and ashes while I lay bare the facts contained in Rev. R. D. Dunbar's moral code. No annals record facts so astounding and pusillanimous and fraught with so much sinfulness as the one about to fall from my pen. This gentleman of more abdomen than brains, gave an entertainment at the Baptist church not long since the first thing that met the eye upon entering the church was a huge keg of hard cider! Think of it! Think of making this sacred retreat a temporary saloon. Imagine the tumult when the ciderites became fully charged. "My Father's house is a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves." In answer to the question where my wife received her intelligence and training, I will say, I don't know. I found her in the classic halls of Tougaloo University being taught by white teachers from the North, but I do not consider her any better or greater for having been taught by white teachers. She was glory enough for me. But there is more to follow: The Rev. Dunbar gave another entertainment at Burn's hall about a year ago, as usual his hard cider was there to do its work. The day following the entertainment, it was rumored on the street that girls got beastly drunk upon his cider and had to be carried home. I was not there to witness the scene but can furnish sworn testimony by some of the best Afro-American men in the city. This is what such ministers as you are doing for the race.

Rev. Seth Neal, pastor of St. James' M. E. church here became so indignant at the action of Rev. Dunbar that he publicly denounced him from the pulpit, saying that any preacher who would do such a thing as sell hard cider and intoxicate the females of the race, ought to be in Hell. These words I heard fall from his lips and I said Amen! Amen! Amen! I state again for the understanding of the Reverend that the white ladies of the city who hire our unfortunate girls do all they can for them, and to have such men publicly condemn their kindness and fling ungratitude in their teeth is enough to insult them. This is why the race has such a hard time in the South. We should appreciate every act of kindness from whatever source, and not stand off and grumble, claiming to be Spaniard, Creole, or Cherokee Indian and going to prominent white men asking to be exempted from riding with Negroes in separate coaches, as did the Sage of hard cider; White people and Negroes too, detest this. The fact is Rev. Dunbar has tried to drag denominationalism and politics into the public schools of this city, but thank God we have men on the school Board who are too intelligent to listen to this foolishness. If you deny trying to drag denominationalism into the school room, I'll have published a letter you wrote to a teacher concerning the schools of this city. This teacher was too much of a gentleman to be influenced by you, therefore he sent me your letter which I have in my possession. He did this to show me how treacherous you are. If I'm forced into it, I'll have it published. You must try another string Brother Dunbar.

Now dear readers, I must explain why I write as I do, Mr. Dunbar says that we have arrived at the point where we can give instruction to our children. This is true. Is there a reader of The Freeman that would like to have his child receive religious and moral instruction from such a man? To put it mildly, I have not broken the surface of the Rev. Dunbar's infamy; but should I come at him again I'll bring the hide.

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Jos. Smith, of Wilmington, was in the city last week. The wife of Thos. Day and the wife of Arthur Coupland (white) had some words in the latter's kitchen, when Coupland coming up, struck Mrs. Day in the face. Nevertheless, Mrs. Day was made to pay $12 in the court. The Rev. Sam Allen had the bones in his foot broken recently, while prizing tobacco, by a 500 pound weight falling upon him. He suffered intensely. Nearly 2,000 people, both white and colored, were out to see the fire department parade. It was the greatest affair Wilson has had for many years. We are glad to see Mrs. Sears well again. The Wilson Cabinet band headed the procession last Thursday. The Odd Fellows have erected a beautiful three story brick structure in the city. Spencer Barnes will enter again this season as a professional base ballist. The fire department reception at Odd Fellows' hall, was immense. Addresses were delivered by Edwin Pool and Rev. Fred. Davis. Look to The Freeman for all news of interest. John Hardy means to stay where he is, he will shave you there. You can secure The Freeman from Joseph Ward. The barbers gave their annual picnic last week, under the management of Mrs. Tabron, Mr. Ransom and Mrs. Tate. Mr. Vick got in some exercise rowing. The Freeman shall be the same as a colored paper published in Wilson. Mmes. Mitchell and Sears gave a very pleasant dinner last Thursday for Joseph Ward. M. Stricklin has entered the ministry. The Baptist Association meets at Wilson this fall. B. R. Winstead lectured at the Presbyterian church last Sunday week. Rev. Melton is pastor. The stock fair was held last week; good races were had. Frank Sears rode, The military company and fire department turned out, and the Cabinet band was in attendance. Purse $3,000. Wash Joyner has opened a lemonade saloon below the railroad. A grand commencement was held at Elm City. S. H. Vick delivered an address worthy of its name. The remainder of the program was rendered by Amie Pender, Jas. Williams, Sarah Barnes, Christian Williams, Amos Batts and Wm. Ellis. Amie Pender won first paize on examination. Wm. Ellis, first prize for excellent rendition of his oration. A. C. Ellis, teacher. Jas. Clark, (white), the richest man in Wilson, died last week. If you wish to read the best edited colored paper in the country, both local and general, be sure to take The Freeman. A. C. Ellis will open school in July.

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At Bethel Baptist church, the 6th, they baptized five candidates. There will be a grand rally at the M. E. church the first Sunday in June. Each member will be assessed two dollars for the erection of a new church. There will be a banquet given, June the 24th in honor of the Lincoln school Alumni. There were quite a number of strangers in the city lately. Rev. Mr. Woolen of Galena, Kas. preached an able sermon Sunday morning at the Bethel Baptist church. Miss Ida M. Young of Galena, visited Rev. W. S. Blake on the 6th inst. The programs for Lincoln school commencement are out for May 21st. Mrs. Lillie Pemberton has returned to the city from Hot Springs, Ark.

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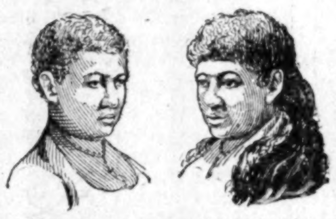

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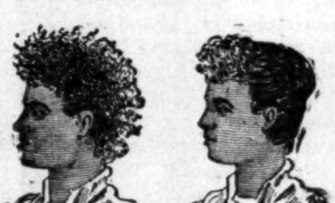

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PROLOGUE.

"EDITOR FREEMAN:

"You will do me quite a favor by giving publicity to this article in your matchless race journal. I have been most shamefully and brutally treated by Rev. Derrick, and think it fair that I should have a hearing. He has published untrue things about me, has run over the country and used his influence to prevent friends from helping me.

"We are here, 6,000 miles from home, moneyless, homeless and almost friendless.

"I have sent a similar article to the Recorder for publication, which you will see in print, but I also wish to be heard through your paper, because it has a wider circulation, hence reaches the masses.

"Feeling sure that you are for justice and fair play to all, I thank you in advance for publication.

"Fraternally, A. LEE RIDGEL,
"Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa.
"Dec 28, 1893."

Referring to subsequent letter which appeared in FREEMAN Feb. 10th.

* * "Mr. Derrick, with his soulless conspirators, has demanded my return to America without sending me a cent to pay expenses. You can imagine my anxiety, 7,000 miles from home, moneyless, with an order to come home.

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"Through the providence of a just God, my wife succeeded in securing us a passage to America. We will, therefore, reach America about the same time you get this letter.

"REV. A. L. RIDGEL,
"Freetown, Sierra Leone, W. C. A.
"March 16, 1894."

From a communication received at this office above date not marked "confidential."

"I was assured the unreserved support of a large number of our high church dignitaries on my departure for this country, not a one of whom have kept their word. They have not so much as written me an encouraging letter, but to the contrary many have joined my enemies in trying to make my coming to Africa a failure. But they must remember that "God is not dead, nor have the banks of heaven broken."—Rev. A. L. Ridgel, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa, in open letter to Bishop Turner, in FREEMAN, March 18th.

"You made a hit in publishing the Ridgel letter. (I speak from newspaper standpoint) It grazes matters that have been the occasion of considerable stir among us.

"Suffice it to say, you have made a centre shot, the whole matter of African work needs vigorous overhauling by a secular journal, our Recorder is neither free nor able to deal with it as it needs to be dealt with."—Rev. John M. Henderson, D D., Detroit, Mich., Feb. 10th, Recording Secretary Department Foreign Missions A. M. E. connection.

From a communication received at this office above date not marked "confidential."

"In this connection it is proper to remark the increasing tendency of ministers to speak through the columns of secular papers concerning church matters. It shows that the attention the secular press is wise enough to give such matters has developed for it a recognized influence among church men. The foolish clergyman may quarrel at the fact but the wise man will recognize it as a fact and govern himself accordingly. I hail with delight the great army of outsiders who are showing enough interest in our work to study its details and pass opinions upon its quality. The recognition of this increased accountability can but have a wholesome effect upon us all."—Rev John M. Henderson, D. D., Recording Secretary Department Foreign Missions Office A. M. E connection, in THE FREEMAN, Feb. 17th.

"I am not an admirer of the Recorder idea that it is a sin, etc., for anybody to demand of the church dignitaries an explanation or defence of their conduct.

"The Bishops are by their very environment tempted to tyranny, there is no one to call them to an account for anything.

"Preachers are, as a rule, trucklers for appointments, and the Recorder is always in the hands of aspirants for the Bishopric. I thank God for such a journal as yours."—Rev. John M. Henderson, D D., Recording Secretary Department Foreign Missions A. M. E. connection; Detroit, Mich., April 6, 1894.

From communication received at this office above date not marked "confidential."

"EDITOR FREEMAN:

"I exceedingly regret that I am under the necessity of appearing before the public in the attitude that this short communication compels me. * * * I have bitten my lips and writhed a hundred times, about matters in the business department of my church that I would not dream of airing before the public. * * * Nor shall I, in this instance, say the one-twentieth part that I could, and what at this time I feel like saying, for the reason that no good could be accomplished and some body might be injured."—Bishop Turner, in FREEMAN, March 3, 1894.

Commencing with its issue of March 15th, and repeating it for at least twice since, The Christian Recorder, supposed-to-be and should be organ of the African Methodist Episcopal church of America, adjacent isles and foreign lands, has charged THE FREEMAN directly and indirectly with being, among other things, a "secular sheet," a "mischief maker," and with "barking at the moon," to which has been added freely and in a spirit of hardly suppressed glee, quite aside from what might have been expected from a pious, clean, religious journal, that soon, speaking in the metaphor, The Recorder would be enabled to dance upon our journalistic grave, a wet grave withal, while, to quote our good, but by implication of Dr. Henderson, et al, not able contemporary, "not a bubble shall rise" from our "watery grave to mark" our "decent." For a good, sweet, consecrated, christian man, who is only waiting for the summons to "come up higher," and whose mission it is, via. the journalistic branch, to conduct sinners to the New Jerusalem, such reflections and predictions are not only irreligious, but a la Bill Nye quite shocking, Many other reflections and charges are heaped upon our head, too silly for reproduction. To be serious, and make as short a shrift as possible of a matter that should never have been permitted to have reached the unpleasant stage it has, we propose to prove by the cold unsentimental facts of record that the charge made by The Recorder that THE FREEMAN is a "mischief maker" was known to be a lie when coined and printed by its author, that we are not "barking at the moon," but at what seems a brace of scoundrels and villians, in the personalities of W. B Derrick, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions A. M. E. church, and H. T. Johnson, editor of the Christian Recorder, his abettor and apologist. Or if our vision is blured, it must appear that Missionary Ridgel, Recording Secretary Henderson and Rt. Rev. Henry M. Turner, acting Bishop of Africa, are either fools or as precious a set of pious liars as one would meet in a day's travel. Further, we agree entirely with Dr. Henderson, and go further, that so-called church dignitaries should not only be held to the same account for their "crookedness" as other mortals made from dust and clay, but a far more strict and exacting one. We spurn with the contumely it deserves, and we call upon the race in general and the pure, the better church in particular, to sustain us in it, the proposition of the editor of the Recorder, that high church officials shall not be compelled, in the name of common justice, in the name of right, in the name of religion, in the name of mankind, the people who gave them position, who pay their salary, who clothe and feed them, to be called to a sharp, immediate, unrelenting account when occasion requires it. Quoting from our editorial of March 28th, which the timid, time-serving editor of The Recorder has neither the courage or ability to reply to, we repeat:

"Such a charge as the one made by Missionary Ridgel, reflecting upon the good faith, the brotherly dealing, the very honesty of a general officer in the church, brooks no star chamber, namby-pamby business, to hush up, conceal or hoot out of the court of public opinion, but is the CHURCH'S CAUSE, and it should be the church's immediate and anxious duty to meet it quickly, and dispose of it effectually, with no thought or care of how investigation might effect the mere individuals concerned. Men may betray their trusts, exceed their privileges, assault with violent, mercenary hands the almost sacred treasures confided to their keeping, but the CHURCH must be above reproach;

'A rock in a weary land,
A shelter in a mighty storm;'

an idol that must not even seem to totter. Once let the taint of "crooked" actions attach to it, the effluvia of decaying principles and neglected duties envelop it, and what a ruin would stare us in the face!"

On the 28th of December, THE FREEMAN received a communication from Rev. A. L. Ridgel, a copy of the same appearing above, asking space in our columns for a hearing for having been "brutally treated by Rev. Derrick," reinforcing the same by the volunteer statement that he was "6,000 miles from home, moneyless, homeless and almost friendless." We granted this pathetic prayer of a fellow man in distress in a foreign land, for which we have no apology to make, and this was the head and front and commencement of our mischief-making propensities, as charged by our truckling contemporary. But, and we only ask an honest verdict as the race and the church shall fairly see it, if this incident was the commencement of mischief, where shall the blame light? Upon the man who had been selected by his superiors as a servant of the church in a foreign land, and who claimed to have been "shamefully and brutally treated," upon us, for listening to his plea in the broad name of humanity, or upon the organ of his church that, receiving a copy of the missionary's complaint at the same time we did, not only refused to publish it, but shirked from the issue like a cur, when a timely word, clothed in gentleness and explanation, might have settled or turned away for all time, to the honor and glory of the church, the unpleasant and disgraceful episode? As an organ of the great church, the editor should have known of the truth or falsity of the missionary's charge. If true, he should have possessed the moral courage to have given his distressed brother a hearing, for the church of God is not supposed to shrink from serving the truth, and if false, what better service could he have rendered to the accused general officer, the cause of truth, hence the church's cause, than to have at once and boldly proclaimed it? "Corruption wins not more than honesty."

Without attempting to say whether the charges of the missionary were true or false, not knowing, we nevertheless published the complaint of Mr. Ridgel in our issue of Feb. 10th, saying editorially of the same:

"Rev. A. L. Ridgel, A. B., missionary to Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa, writes THE FREEMAN this week, see first page, making some very serious charges against Dr. Derrick, Gen. Secretary of Missions of the A. M. E. church. What has Dr Derrick to say in response? Let us hear from you, Doctor. It strikes us, this is one of the times when silence on your part would not be golden."

Judgment race, judgment church! Point out if you please, the line, word or sentence, in the above brief editorial squib, that indicates the presence of mischief in our pen when we wrote. Without passing an opinion pro or con, could we have done less, or went further to prove we had no desire to embarass this man Derrick, or the church that carries him as a load, than offering him the use of our columns to clear himself of the cloud that had been cast upon his christian integrity as an officer and business representative of his church?

Did he meet our considerate offer half way in the spirit it was given? He did not. Did he offer an explanation of or make any defence in our columns, as we had publically invited him to do, against the charges made by the Rev. Mr. Ridgel? He did not. Did his partner in the silence and covering up act, the editor of the Christian Recorder, who, according to Dr. Henderson's general opinion of church organ editors, hopes to be a Bishop some day, did he offer any explanation? He did not. Did the accused Secretary's own organ, the Voice of Missions, of which he is sometimes editor, and to emphasize it and his nauseating vanity has his "cut" appear as a feature of the paper's "head," in these columns, did he declare himself boldly and clearly as a wronged man would have done, and by so doing nip this flood of mischief in the bud? He did not. But listening no doubt to his fellow conniver, for we are told they both hope to be Bishops some day, he retreated behind the walls of the castle of silence until time should produce the balm of quietude for his anxiety or THE FREEMAN be made the scapegoat of the unpleasant happening. The first break in this monotonous history of accusation upon the one and silence upon the other hand occurred when Dr. Henderson, Recording Secretary of the department over which Derrick rules, made an ingenious and able defence of the latter in THE FREEMAN of Feb. 17th.

Commenting editorially, we said among other things:

"Dr. Henderson speaks with directness and seeming authority, with the result of presenting the whole affair in quite a different aspect. Nevertheless, where the smoke is you may look for the fire, and it behooves the masters of the church, who desire an unspotted ermine, to look into and consider the many rumors afloat, not by any means complimentary in ninety-nine instances in a hundred, concerning the administration of affairs about the Foreign Mission office.

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"The money due him (Ridgel) from the great church, according to his 'plaint, whose coffers are yellow with the gold raised periodically from the race in the name of the foreign missions, is not forthcoming, else why would he write as he did in last week's FREEMAN:

> "Upon what grounds has he (Derrick) been starving my wife and I during these ten months? Why did he endeavor to prevent the ministers of Philadelphia from giving me a collection to assist me to Africa, because I was appointed by Bishop Turner? Such are the facts in the case."

Up to this time, culminating with Dr. Henderson's pronounciamento, note this, not a living soul, neither Derrick, Johnson or Henderson, whose official relations, in a sense, made them, as against Ridgel, the custodians of the church's honor and duty towards its servants in Africa, had a word to offer in denial of the missionary's charge, that for ten months Derrick had been starving his wife and himself, and that he endeavored to prevent the ministers in Philadelphia from assisting him away to Africa, etc. If the aroma surrounding this rather significant incident looks mischievous and bad, who should be pointed to as the culprit, the good brothers and church officials who ignored, turned a deaf ear to a starving brother and sister's wail from the fever-ridden coasts of Africa, or THE FREEMAN for publishihg the same and asking the church, in the person of one of her chief officers, and because of the closed mouth of the "organ," for an explanation?

Following Recorder Henderson came Bishop Turner in an article in THE FREEMAN of March 3rd, an excerpt from which appears in the prologue, and for the first time since Ridgel's first letter in THE FREEMAN there is a gleam of admission from the church dignitaries, that Ridgel had just ground of complaint, in the following from the Bishop of Africa's pen:

"Dr. Derrick failed to send Ridgel money for the same reason that he failed to send it to Lindsey, White, Lewis, Redd, Chessen, Irons, Steady, Decker and other missionaries in Africa, and that was because he did not have it to send."

Here was an admission, although indirect, from the most popular prelate in the church, that something was rotten in Denmark, and indeed did he not say in the same article, "I have bitten my lips and writhed a hundred times about matters in the business department of my church that I would not dream of airing before the public."

Did Bishop Turner lie by implication, is he also a mischief maker?

Commenting on Bishop Turner's letter, more evidence of our mischief making propensities, we said:

"One fact that should not be is held up to public attention by Bishop Turner, viz: not only was Ridgel, a representative of the greatest Negro church, moneyless in a foreign land, but a whole grist of missionaries sent out by the same church were in the same strait. Reason: church or society had no money to send them. Chance here to moralize, but we'll wait a spell. We would like mighty well to hear from Secretary Derrick. Now that Bishop Turner has spoken, the picturesque secretary who is very much in evidence in this business might be acting wise in the long run in getting down from his perch long enough to say a word or two for himself. Pick your pen up, Doctor, we are waiting for you."

But, up to this time, Derrick has not spoken, nor our effete contemporary in buckram and wooden sword dangling between his theological limbs, The Recorder, only in the way of comparing himself to Paul and THE FREEMAN to the beasts at Ephesus, etc. Save to thank our readers for their patience, what more current history is needful? Either the charges made by the little editor of the Recorder are false, and were conceived and fulminated purely out of a desire to direct public attention from the sorry, pusillanimous spectacle he has made of himself and the "organ," by the grinding of which he hopes some day to become a Bishop, anent the matter in question, or he is one of a brace of fellows, the silent secretary being the other, whose methods and ideas of how to meet certain duties and responsibilities, plain, common people would call scoundrelly to put it mild.

Read again carefully the communications and excerpts that make up the prologne to the review, and if you believe that such men as Turner, Henderson and Ridgel are either liars or fools, than you blame us for the attitude we have shown in this matter, and propose to show on behalf of the great church we delight to honor, the race we are struggling in behalf of, and last but not least an apparently friendless missionary and his wife, suffering in a foreign land.

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KISSED AND MADE UP.

The antipodes have met, kissed and become reconciled. Speaker Crisp and Senator Mills, of Texas, whose personal relations have been more or less strained, have resolved to allow the past to bury its dead and pull together. The Gorman tariff bill compromise, that blood hot Democrats claim, if anything more of a high protective paper than the odious McKinley bill, did the work. Mr. Mills is a statesman of the mossback variety, he believes in the past, his eyes are set behind his ears, and he saw in the triumph of the Gorman idea, whatever it is, a quietus on his importance as a party counsellor and a stone rolled against his future as a leader to be looked up to and consulted. The Wilson bill, being a child of the House, voted and sponsered for by Speaker Crisp, he very naturally feels a god father's interest in the same, and would shake hands with his mortal enemy if by so doing a resuscitation could be brought about. The House Conference Committee, as appointed by Speaker Crisp, will be such men from the Ways and Means-Committee as the Texas Ranger may suggest, and no stone will be left unturned necessary to give the Gormanites a set back. At this writing (Monday) the best impression is the Gorman Senate substitute will be "put to sleep," killed by the Conference Committee, and a new substitute, as near like the Wilson bill as possible, be reported and crowded on a 2:05 gait through the two branches of Congress, with Cleveland nervous to sign it. It is a most harrowing and lamentable spectacle viewed through Democratic eyes, and is a further proof that the Democratic party does not possess the constructive wisdom required to legislate for the commercial needs of the American people.

No party ever took power under more favorable auspices and hopes, with a brighter future outlined before it, than the Democratic party hardly eighteen months ago, yet in that space the glittering heritage bequeathed them by a misdirected wool-gathered people has been squandered to the winds, and "none are so poor as to do them reverence."

Are you a "sport," then sport a "Premier." Good "timer," yours for a song. Read our offer in this issue.

Bishop Turner Their Moses.

Crawfordsville, Ark., Special.

Our village is quiet; the crops are up and farmers anticipate a good crop. Since our last letter, Bishop H. M. Turner was in our midst and lectured and preached; he is the Moses of our race. The A. M. E. church held quarterly meeting here and had an interesting session. St. John's church has removed the four big trees and is now undergoing improvement and bids fair to be the leading church. Rev. J. W. Nymbs is the pastor and their are 500 members. Sunday school is conducted by Chas. Margerum and an able corps of teachers who hold meetings for unity in the work; a choir and organ will be added soon. Dr. Jackson, P. E. of the M. E. church was in our midst this week. Mrs. Anna White departed this life this week; her husband has the sympathy of the community. Circuit court has convened and adjourned, no persons of either color went over the road to do time for the State. A part of us are still looking for the 40 acres and gray mule and think the Republican party and the government are one and the same person. The time may come when nearly all will own the above amount of land and mule, but never will the Republican party triumph in our neck of the woods. If we get any hay in the South we are to make it right now while the sun is shining, for immigration is coming South now and in a few more years the Negro, mule and cotton will be no more as far as he is concerned, and thrifty white farmers and laborers will push him out to Oklahoma, Africa or some other place. Our people had better begin to read between the the lines and work every day, save something and stop so much foolishness, for these things are now on the road. Long live The Freeman. STICKS.

P. S. of the Belle of Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

J. H. Ellis has opened a first class ice cream parlor at 315 W. Ninth St. Haywood Doyl died last week from a fatal blow inflicted by Willie Harris with a bat while in a game of base ball, the latter has skipped. The entertainment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Swan Wednesday evening was very much enjoyed by all in attendence. D. W. Crawford was elected P. S. of the Belle of Chattanooga Lodge G. U. O. of O. F. May 10th. Prof. Gilliam's Hill-City school closed last week with many satisfactory results. C. H. Little returned to the city Saturday, after spending several months in Harrogot, Tenn. Eugene Read returned Saturday after a short visit to see his father in Jackson, Tenn. At present the country is in an uproar and nothing seems to be settled and many colored people that know but little or nothing about the matter are having more to say publicly than any body else, but be it remembered that "a still tongue carries a wise head."

TO-DAY.

My soul upon my lips hath set a seal,
And tho' I needs must greet thee day by day.
What lies between us I must not reveal—
My life is spent in learning to obey.

But oh, dear one, when thou and I shall meet
In that fair world that knows not garish fear,
Unfettered, shall these longing lips repeat
For evermore, "I loved thee always here."
—[M. L. Smith, in Harper's Weekly.

RAINBOW OF THE SOUL.

Not in the time of pleasure
Hope doth set her bow,
But in the time of sorrow,
Over the vale of woe.

Through gloom and shadow look we
On beyond the years;
The soul would have no rainbow
Had the eye no tears.
—John Vance Cheney.

GLANCE BELOW, READ EVERY LINE OF OUR OFFER; MAKE YOUR CHOICE; WRITE US; WE'LL DO THE REST.

THE INFLUENCE OF EXAMPLE

Our Influence Lives After Us And Goes to Mould and

Direct The Lives Of Others—Self-Esteem and Pride Essential Factors—Notes.

Hartwell, Ga., Special.

Our examples are not like the bubbles on the face of the ocean that are soon bursted, never to form again, but are living plants, and are imparting and making lasting impressions for good or evil conduct. The philosopher has said there is no matter that can be annihilated; so with our examples they are not annihilated. We are unconsciously moulding by our examples characters that will last for ages to come. The poet has said:

> "The flower cannot tell what
> Becomes of its odor."

Man cannot tell what becomes of his influences and examples that roll away from him and go beyond his kin in their mission. By our examples we should allure pathways that will lead on to those broader fields of learning and virtue, to realms of industry honesty and citizenship. Let our examples and deeds be pure, so pure in this life that they shall be woven into a golden crown in the life to come.

We know not the influence of one word spoken or one act performed. The mother by her examples shapes the destiny of the little babe that moves at her feet. So it has been rightly said, the hand that rocks the cradle moves the world. Learn not to love only the beauty of the world about us, but learn to love that inexplicable beauty in those high and noble examples. We should illuminate our pathway through life with the fragrance of those Christ-like examples, so that we shall leave a path to shine after us and reflect its silvery rays to generations yet unborn.

In the words of the Rt. Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage. "Moving on; society moving on; the world moving on; heaven moving on; the universe moving on; time moving on; eternity moving on and we are moving with all of these; but we will be decades and centuries from now living in the characters of those who have been influenced by our examples. They will be affected by our purity or depravity; by our holiness or sin."

We should endeavor to possess the two most essential factors, self esteem and race pride. Then our examples will be pure. By those good examples we plant orchards of golden fruit, that will yield fruit hundreds of years after after we have gone, and perpetual springs of life giving water that will perpetuate those principals of true man and womanhood in those who are to come. Let us go on through life with this endeavor some where at some time and some how, some good we may do, remembering the divine injunction. Ye are the light of the world; and strive to make our examples pure, yes purer than the diamond. May the time speedily come when our ministers and teachers whether North or South shall appreciate the dignity of the race. It matters not where I may be drifted on the ocean of life, I mean to illuminate my pathway with those true and virtuous examples that will no doubt in the eternal world be woven into a golden crown.

The writer visited Toccoa, Ga., on the 4th inst., in interest of The Freeman. Toccoa is a very beautiful little town situated on the Richmond and Danville Rail Road Atlanta and Charlotte division. The public school at this place is in a very prosperous condition under the management of the efficient teachers, Prof. W. J. Thomas, principal and Mrs. Effie Rucker, assistant. Baptist church property valued at $1000, C. M. E. church at $600. Among the most enterprising citizens who possess property valued at the following are viz.: Nathaniel Williams, $1500, Z. K. Williams, $500, Rev. M. Watkins $500, W. M. Gilliard, $1000, S Lincoln, $1000, B. H. Prather, $500, B. Janodd, $400. Every minister and teacher should represent The Freeman in their communities, for it (The Freeman) deserves the patronage of every intelligent Negro in America. B. B. J.

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Still Suffering.

Kelso, Tenn., Special.

Rev. E. Reynolds preached a fine sermon. I am sorry to state that the colored people are still suffering from lynch law. The colored man is not always guilty of the charges that he is charged with. The colored people are against each other too much to make the progress that they should.

Are you a professional man, minister, doctor, lawyer, why invest from $25.00 to $75.00 in a "time piece" for practical; every day use? Only creatures with more money than brains do such things these days. Accept a present from The Freeman, the celebrated "Premier" watch. Read our offer in this issue.

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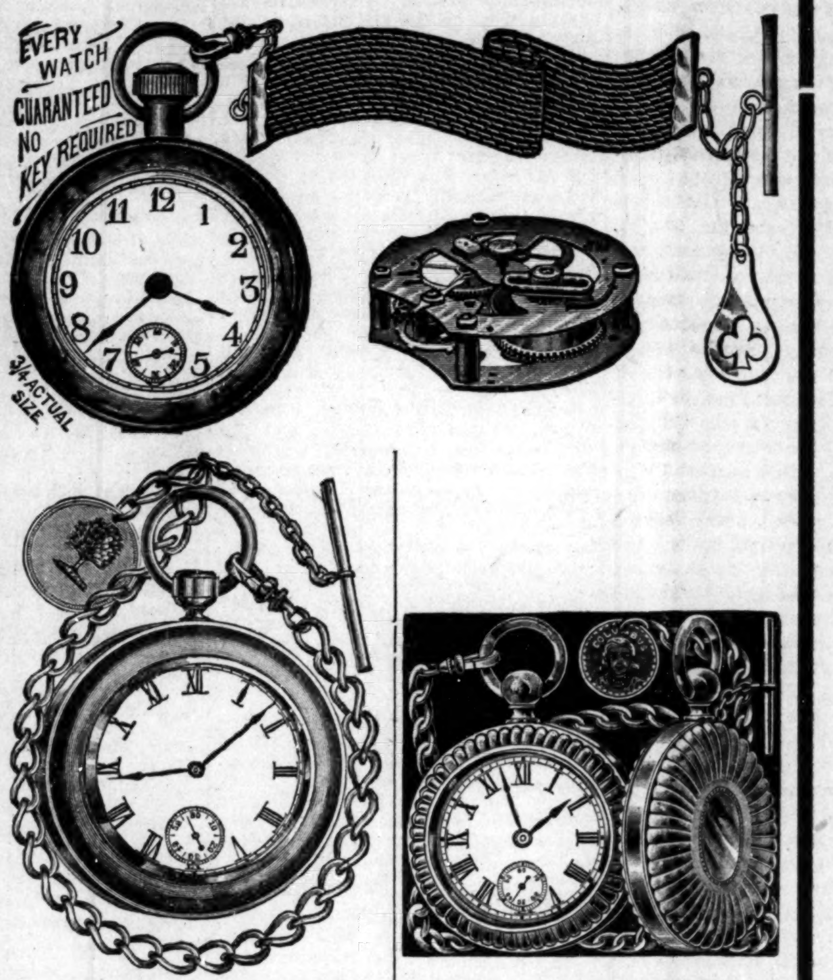
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In these days of practical common sense, only people with money to waste, who desire to carry a watch not for mere show, but for the purpose of keeping the correct time, would spend enough for one to buy a city lot. Read our offer on Fifth Page.

The works in the watch we are giving away to our agents and subscribers, are after the most modern design and efficacy, and warranted accurate time keeper, enclosed in dust proof case. See our offer on Fifth Page.

Our "Premier" Watch, including Charm and Chain,

To be given to The Freeman subscribers.

The above illustration shows a front view, a back view with the case open, and another representing the works removed from the case. It is a stem winder and setter, Americans lever, 240 beats to a minute, steel pinions, patent escapement and regulator, and dust proof case, handsomely finished in nickle or gilt. The watch is fully guaranteed for one year.

The Case is strongly made and carefully fitted to exclude dust. It is Open Face with heavy polished bevel crystal. Case is heavily plated and handsomely finished in gilt closely resembling gold by a special process known only to the makers. The cut, which falls far short of doing it justice, exactly represents the watch three-fourths size.

This is a work-day as well as a Sunday watch. We remember how we used to hang our high-priced watch upon a nail Sunday evening when we changed clothes ready to do the feeding and chores, and there it hung all week for fear we would break or lose it at work. Not so with this watch.

The face need not be opened to set it. It is two inches in diameter and fifteen-sixteenths of an inch thick. It is no heavier than an ordinary silver watch, and but a trifle thicker. It has a strong, quick beat and runs in any position, either at a stand-still or in motion, and is not affected by heat or cold.

This watch is just what thousands of boys of the race all over the country have been aching to possess. It is just such a watch as a working man has been wishing for to take to the factory, the shop, the mill, to any place where a valuable time-piece is liable to suffer from wear or exposure. It is just such a watch as the farmer has been needing to take to the fields. Is handy to hang by the bedside, to have in the kitchen or elsewhere where an inexpensive timekeeper is needed, and will keep time with any $250,00 gold watch in the world.

Now Read Our Offer

Send us 12, 3 months cash subscribers, 50c each, and 50c in postage stamps and recieve direct from The Freeman, to your address, One "Premier" Watch and chain, securely packed, postage or express paid by us.

Send us 13, 6 months cash subscribers, 85c each, and recieve direct from The Freeman, to your address, One "Premier" Watch and chain, securely packed, postage or express paid by us.

Send us 5 One Year, cash subscribers, $1 50 each, and recieve direct from The Freeman, to your address, One "Premier" Watch and chain, securely packed, postage or express paid by us.

Send us 6 One Year, cash subscribers, $1 50 each, and recieve direct from The Freeman, to your address, One "Premier" Watch and chain, securely packed, postage or express paid by us; and one copy of "Black Phalanx," or "Women of Distinction."

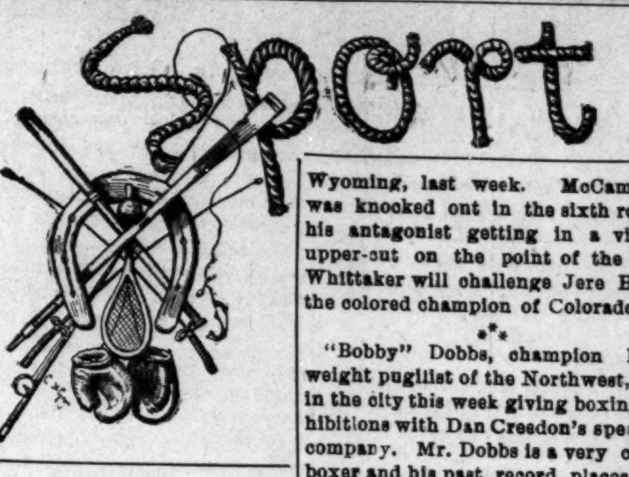
Send us 7, One Year, cash subscribers, $1.50 each, and recieve direct from The Freeman, One "Premier" Watch and chain, securely packed, postage or express paid by us; and one copy each of "Dessalines" or "School History of Negro Race."

Send us $3 00 cash and recieve The Freeman for One Year, and One "Premier" Watch and chain, securely packed, postage or express paid by us.

Give Special Attention

The above remarkable offers will hold good up to and including the Thirteenth of June. Take Notice! No commission given for subscribers gotten in connection with the watch.

THE FREEMAN,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.



A Race for Life.

The bicycle fiend is once more on deck
And feeling extremely jolly;
From now till October, with all his might,
He'll try to outdo and knock clean out of sight,
The record now held by the trolley.
—Brooklyn Eagle.

The girl pleaded for her lover.

"Papa," she exclaimed, "he wears his heart upon his sleeve."

The old man pressed his hand suddenly to his heart.

"Aha," he cried, "I suspected a hold-out all the time. Aha."—The Dealer.

Zimmerman expects to make $25,000 in France this year.

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Chant won the Kentucky derby and $4,020, last Tuesday at Churchill Downs.

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England is planning her first relay race. The event is to be from London to Edinburgh, 800 miles.

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"Billy" Teller, of Cincinnati, O., is trying to get on a match Pepper Griffin, of Louisville, Ky.

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Johnny Reagan, the old time middle-weight, wants to fight Jack Dempsey, either in a limited round bout or to a finish.

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B. H. Benton, manager and backer of "Bobby" Dobbs, will bet $1,000 to $10,000 that he can defeat any 133-pound man living.

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Jim Johnson, of Indianapolis, champion middle-weight of Indiana, defeated Ed Blake, of Columbia, O., in six rounds, at Toledo, O.

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"Scotty, the Gambler," a colored tout and well-known figure on every race track in the East, died at Coney Island last week.

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The colors of the American bicycle racing men in Paris riding under Troy will be all black, with a silk American flag around the waist.

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The bout between Dixon and Griffo which takes place in Boston in June is already attracting much attention. The bout will be twenty rounds or more.

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Billy Plimmer has decided to go to England on June 16. Before he goes he would like to fight any 114-pound man in America at the Olympic Club, New Orleans.

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The Freeman Base Ball Club have organized, with Elwood Knox as manager and Joseph Broyles, captian. For dates address Elwood Knox, Freeman office, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Johnny Connors, of Springfield, Ill., has issued a challenge to fight any 105-pound man in the world. He says he will fight before the Olympic Club, of New Orleans, for a purse of $500.

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Jake Fiddler, an old Indianapolis boy, has closed his contract with the Mahara minstrels, and signed with the T. E. Griswold Uncle Tom's Cabin company, now playing in California. He is the only colored member of the company.

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Dr. Rice, the cast-off from the Gideon and Daly stables won the Brooklyn handicap and $25,000; Henry of Navare second and Sir Walter, third. Clifford the heave backed western horse, owing to the faulty start, was not given a chance to show his work.

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A dispatch from San Francisco says that Sandow and Col. Boone's big lion Commodore have been matched to wrestle catch-as-catch can. The lion will be securely muzzled and his claws will be clipped. Sandow will attempt to throw the lion or control him by strength.

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A New York physician has presented Manager Ward, of the New York base ball club, with a complete medicine chest, containing liniments and bandages of all sorts, to be used in case of injuries to the players. Ward will keep it in the club house for emergencies.

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A finish fight for the light-weight championship of Wyoming between Walter McCampbell and John H. Whittaker, two colored pugilists of local prominence, took place at Cheyenne, Wyoming, last week. McCampbell was knocked ont in the sixth round, his antagonist getting in a vicious upper-cut on the point of the jaw. Whittaker will challenge Jere Haley, the colored champion of Colorado.

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"Bobby" Dobbs, champion lightweight pugilist of the Northwest, was in the city this week giving boxing exhibitions with Dan Creedon's specialty company. Mr. Dobbs is a very clever boxer and his past record places him to the front with Dixon and Jackson. He has defeated such men as the "Black Pearl," Kid Lavigne and Chas. Johnson, who has twice bested Wiley Evans, the California welter-weight. He is now meeting all comers.

Are you a mechanic, a factory hand, do you labor in the soil, in the mines, the machine shop, the planing mill? Try a dust proof case "Premier," a Freeman gift. Read our offer this week.

A NEGRO DENTIST

Wins The Honors In A Southern City—Thus The Problem is Being Solved.

Jacksonville, Fla. Special.

The following is from the Jacksonville, Fla., "Evening Times Union" of May 10th:

"The dental board of examiners has just completed its work, having examined nine applicants, among them one colored, Dr. H. F. White of this city, the only one who made 100 per cent in all the branches in which he was examined. The following are the branches: Anatomy, 100 per cent; physiology, 100 per cent; metallurgy, 100 per cent: hygiene, 100 per cent; chemistry, 100 per cent; materia medica, 100 per cent; therapeutics, 100 per cent; prosthetic dentistry, 100 per cent; operative dentistry, 100 per cent. Dr. White speaks in the highest terms of Drs. Jones, Chase, Frink and Carver, members of the board of examiners, and says that no colored man need fear an impartial examination before them, he has only to have the necessary qualifications. He also speaks highly of Dr. Wm. McL. Dancy, who suggested that he be invited to a seat in the convention of the State Dental association, composed of all whites. Dr. White is a recent graduate of Meharry Dental college, which speaks well for that institution. He has opened his dental parlors at 55½ West Bay St. and has already a lucrative practice of which any man would be proud."

Rev. Cæsar A. A. Taylor is still financial agent for Edward Waters' College but will spend the summer in Jacksonville, and has opened an ice cream, soda, and cigar emporium, corner of Main and Beaver Sts. where are found all kinds of fruits, candies and vegetables in season. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor also sell fine pianos and organs of every make for cash or on time. The Freeman is on sale every Saturday evening at their place. Give them a call.

OPENED HER

Parlor Doors to a Sunday School Class.

Helena, Ark., Special.

Mrs. Mattie Morris opened her parlor doors to a Sunday school class of the Centennial church that they might entertain Prof. Hattie A. Gibbs and sister. Walter Beard received a fall which bruised him very much. Mrs. Burrel Graves has a very sick daughter. At this writing, Chas. Jones the delivery man for Turner and Wilson, is dangerously ill. The K. of P. held their first meeting in their new hall last week; they will dedicate it on the 1st prox. Our agent would be pleased to get his money when delivering, as he is in bad health. It worries him to be collecting all through the week. Prof. H. Avant of the city made an address before the Sturgeon Clarksolan literary society at Southland. Miss Ducky Lewis of Mississippi spent a few hours in the city visiting Miss Lottie Claxton. George Johnson claims, when on his return from escorting his lady home from church, that J. H. Harvey, Jr., Sylvester Johnson and others brick-batted him from behind corners. Miss Rebecca Busby of Southland passed through the city. Mrs. Eliza Hoard an aged grandmother returned from Hot Springs very feeble. S. L. Lamkins took leave for the Searcy Springs. Will Partee who was beguiled into the oat scrape and was sentenced to one year imprisonment, has returned.

A First Lady Dead.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. J. D. Wilhaite, one of the first ladies of the city, died on the 13th. The 13th was May-day with the A. M. E. church. The Odd Fellow's anniversary will come off on the 18th inst. The Daughters of Zion will have a sermon at the court house on the 20th inst. Mrs. Caleb Holder and her children of the North are on a visit to her sister and mother in this city. Rev. Mrs. Mary Anderson and her step-mother, Mrs. Mariah Hogalman of Nashville, Tenn. are on a visit to her sister and their friends of this city. Clemtro Galman of Nashville, Tenn., paid his mother and friends a flying visit this week. Sam Little was married last week. Miss Annie Cooper and Mrs. Lucy Cannon were at the entertainment this week. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

JUST A FEW LEFT! Cut this out Send it with your RENEWAL and get a number of HOLY LAND PHOTOGRAPHED FREE. Send Early. They are Going, Going, Going!

PROF. B. T. WASHINGTON

Taken To Task—Charged With Making a Jest of a Sacred

Race Song—"He Who Mocks at The Songs" of The Fathers and Mothers "Is a Blaphemer."

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Will you please give me space to defend the songs of our fathers from the fun-poking methods of some of our great men?

I saw a speech made by Prof. Booker T. Washington, President of Tuskegee University, of Alabama, in which he seems to be guilty of the same mistake made by other great men of the race, namely: making a jest of one of the most sacred songs on earth, produced by any race, of which the Negroes are the originators.

In doing so, he reflects upon the religious character of the race, past and present. The man who uses these words—"Give me Jesus and you may have all the world"—contemptuously or to reflect upon our mothers and fathers and the religious value of our songs, shows his littleness rather than his greatness. It shows that he lacks heart and judgment to comprehend the song he ridicules or the wisdom of those upon whose hearts God moved to inspire such music.

These words "Give me Jesus and ou may have all the world" were dear to the hearts of our mothers and fathers, and so they are to every intelligent Christian who has been truly saved from his sin, because they embrace the very conditions and sentiments placed by the spirit of God in the heart of the composer, and the conditions with which all sinners must comply when Christ saves them.

Christ said: "Son or daughter give me thine heart. If any man hear my voice, harden not his heart." Repentance means for a man to turn from everything on earth to Christ as his all in all. "If any man loves me, and forsaketh not his father, mother, brother, sister, wife or house and lots for my sake, he is not worthy of me." No one can find Christ precious to his soul until he is willing, deep down in the heart, to say "Take all the world, but give me Jesus." If a man seeks the kingdom of God first, God promises that he shall have whatever else he needs. Yes, this whole song is full of the richest meaning to the thoughtful, converted Christian.

I heard my mother say "Give me Jesus;" I heard my father say "Give me Jesus;" I heard my brother and sister say "Give me Jesus." The whole family catches the hallowed fire that burns upon God's altar in the home, from the example of consecrated mothers and fathers, down to the youngest child, carrying out God's instruction to Abraham, "He will train his house after him," and that we should train our children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Children who fail to respect the religion of their parents amount to very little in a true sense, whatever may be their associations.

"Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus." "Seek me with all your heart and I will be found of you." "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." "All the night long I sought the Lord and he heard me." Where is the soul saved from sin who, when all was silent in sleep, did not when his heart was burdened, cry to God, saying "Lord have mercy upon me, a hell-deserving sinner?" Where is the man who, when his poor soul was in darkness, his heart wrapt in a deeper gloom, and his mind blinded by the god of this world, to have the fetters broken, the burden roll away from his heart, his eyes opened, and he saved from eternal misery and woe, could not say "Take all the world but give me Jesus."

"In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus." David said, "In the morning I will lift up my voice." Jesus rose up early and went out to pray. John Wesley said, "It is better to go early from prayer to work, than to come late from work to prayer." Early in the morning the true Christian must have Jesus first. Hence my mother and father, when they would rise at 4 o'clock in the morning, would sing: "In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus; and you may have all the world, give me Jesus." Nothing did more than this sweet song of God's black Israel to rivet the impression upon my heart which brought me to Jesus, and has cheered me ever since in the most gloomy hours. And I say to-day, as between the world and Christ, I take Jesus.

It is Jesus the Negro needs, with an unsullied character, to make him rich in manliness. It is more of Jesus and less of the world the white man needs to make him regard the rights of manhood wherever found. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." "Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus; and you may have all the world, but give me Jesus."

David says: "Though I walk through the valley and the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comtort me." Christ has not only promised to bless us in all this life, but he will be with us in the sixth hour and the seventh he will not forsake us. Why should we not sing as our fathers sung: "Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus?" "He is more than gold, yea than much fine gold." He is above rubies and diamonds and all manner of precious stones. He is more than all things else we can desire.

He who mocks at the songs given our fathers by the spirit of God in the days of slavery, is a blasphemer. No songs on earth are more sacred, at any rate they are the best we have got, and the educated Negro has not been able to give us anything to equal them. For pathos, power, warmth of heart and soul, the songs of no race on earth surpass them.

True, some of them are worthless, but may not this be said of some of the songs of all races? Solomon wrote 1005 songs, but only one is given place in the Bible. All song composers put in their books many songs that are worthless and are never sung. Every race appreciates its own music, but the educated Negro, he, like our white enemy, looks down on everything labelled Negro, however good it may be.

Nothing is worthy of our assumed cultured people unless it has something other than a Negro origin. Bishop H. M. Turner, the great and grand man of his race to-day, has well said: "The young Negroes are the only people on earth who will mock and poke fun at the sayings, songs and doings of their fathers and mothers, who are far their superiors in manliness, morals, Christian character and are not half so cowardly."

Mr. Washington repeats the same old stale story of our defamers and persecutors for money's sake, "That the Negro sings and shouts all night and then goes home to an empty pantry, then the master's chicken roost has to suffer."

I am tired of this making the best Negroes of the race the sum of all villiany. Now, Mr. Editor, any man who repeats that old white lie, slanders the fathers and mothers of the race, and does injustice to those who honor their memory and serve their Christ with a devoted life.

I say sir, if there are any people on earth among us who have bread to eat, it is the church-going people, who sing and shout God's praises. They are the people who own their homes, nine times out of ten. These are the homes to which you can go and find food when you are hungry; a good fire and warm bed when you are cold and tired. Here you are always made to feel welcome and happy.

The wealthiest colored men here are old Father Wilkshelm and Dady Howard—both have spent their lives singing and shouting in the A. M. E. church; together they are worth over $100,000. The best fixed in the First Baptist church are Bernard Blakey, Constable Williams, Dock Walker, Martin Ferguson, Joseph Simms and others. More than $150,000 are owned by my members, but I can't point to a single person outside of the church in this community that owns his home.

So it is in the communities I have lived in. The church people and their friends who sing and shout, or like to see it done, are the substantial people of every community. Take these out and you have nothing much left but the saloons, speakeasies, pool rooms, base ball rabbles and other places of shame and infamy. Better direct your guns at these, instead of poking fun at the religious expense of the best people of the race.

These are the people who build and support their churches and bury their dead; they help support the schools; furnish the boys and girls by a large majority, yet their songs, religious character and manner of worship must be held up to ridicule, for a laughing stock, to the so-called select and educated class. We have all been to school a little, but we did not permit ourselves to be educated out of self-respect and racial pride, and we are glad we did not reach that point.

We cannot pick up a book of songs that stirs the souls of men, but what has borrowed largely from the Negro idea of jubilee music. Many of the music writers not only use them as a basis for the construction of their music, but use the words and are not ashamed to do so. Whoever heard of a Gospel hymn or a triumphant song, until the Fisk, Tennessee and Hampton Jubilee singers had by so sweetly singing their father's songs, put a new soul into the world's music. The pathetic touch of the Negro music by black men awakened America, England, France, Germany, India, Austria Scotland, Ireland and other countries, as no other songs have done. The Negroes are the originators of the first Gospel and Triumphant songs on earth. Think of "Swing low, sweet chariot;" "Steal away to Jesus;" "Been Redeemed;" "Ten Virgins;" "Walking in the Light of God;" "We shall be like Him;" "The Triumph of Israel;" "Moses smote the water;" "Didn't old Pharaoh get lost?" "Halleluah to the Lamb;" "Nothing but the blood of Jesus;" "The Lord is on the giving hand, nothing but the blood of Jesus;" "Over there;" "Why don't you come to Jesus?" "Give me Jesus and you may have all the world, but give me Jesus;" "Elijah's chariot." I repeat the educated Negroes who mock at our songs have not been able to equal the music of their fathers, not even improve upon it. They would mock it out of existence without ability to give us anything as good as they would take away. Our white friends made the improvement needed. They saw its great worth and arranged the tunes to notes. The rich, deep Negro voices sang that music to the delight of millions in America and Europe. From the papers in this country and abroad I read accounts of the old Fisk and of the Prof. J. Louden's original Fisk Troupe, which spoke in the highest terms of praise, of the sweetness, pathos and beauty of the Negro music as sung by them.

It was not the quaint, amusing features which made it so attractive, but above all was its power to cheer the heart and move the soul. Whether men are rich or poor, whatever stirs their inmost nature and awakens sentiments which lift them toward God, will attract them. The Negroes music when properly sung, does this for every man of any race, and in every country, but some of our select few "who think everything white is God, and everything black is the Devil." Those who have more education than self respect and good common sense, and spurn everything not labelled white or very much bleached. Many of the ministers, professors, choirs and churches look with contempt upon these our only songs and turn to others which they must borrow or steal. Let them give half the attention to our own music, and the harvest will be great and honor awarded to those who reflect credit upon the fathers of the race. God bless old Fisk, Tennessee, Hampton and Prof. J. Louden

In this city the white church which used our songs had the greatest success of all the rest. Each colored church had over a hundred accessions and so did this church, but they used the Negro songs to stir the people. You can't get away from the race by poking fun at your own and borrow or steal from some one else. When we all sing in our churches and schools the songs of our fathers with as much pride as ever a follower of Wesley ever sang his songs, we will not be lacking in the most essential elements in true education, namely: self respect, racial pride, the love of mothers and fathers, and to honor the ancient and modern history of the race, and to know that their religious character is equal to any other race, slanderer to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Negro has never been so low but that other races have been lower. He has never commited any crime in or out of the church, but what the white man has done worse. If your pharasenic pride swells you up until it makes you a peacock in religion and keeps you from shouting and praising God, because you lack heart and soul to appreciate and understand that which brings joy to a true soul, what is it to your business, who shouts? What right have you to poke fun at your superiors in Christ? Don't the laws of this country guarantee every one the right to worship God in his own way? I have taken my Gospel gun to go gunning for any man who doesn't like what I say.

Yours for the race,
J. J. JONES, D. D.,
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Metropolis, Ill., Special,

We report the following on the sick list last week: Mrs. Aggie Marshal, dangerously ill; Mrs. Amanda Wyatt, L. Yancy, Kitty Chavis, Miss Emma Martin. Mrs. Bell Michaux had a very painful operation performed on a tumor on the ear, caused by piercing. The Sunday excursion proved a failure. It didn't go. Henry Lyons has purchased a snug cottage of Plummer Beard, on Tenth street, between Broadway and Jonesboro streets. The marriage of Ed. Lee and Miss Louvenia Moore took place at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening week, solemnized by Rev. H. C. Burton. Miss L. E. Robinson made a business trip to Cairo last week. Basket meeting and baptizing at Pellonia last Sunday.

THE WEST

Queen, Pritchard and Fidelity Court Install Officers.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.

The A. M. E. church, with its numerous members and solicitors had a rally Sunday week, and cleared over $1,200. Messrs. H. Wells, J. Carter and J. Wheeler speak highly of The Freeman, and say they like it more every time they read it. Mrs. D. Gray with her 4-weeks-old baby boy and The Freeman are just as happy as can be. The Second Baptist church had quite a success with its Box supper, clearing between $60 and $75. Rev. H. Robinson is pastor. They anticipate constructing on to the basement, in which they have been holding services for years, a $20,000 edifice. The Masonics have been asked to lay the corner stone the 24th of June. Prof. R. T. Coles, of Garrison school, and wife and seven other members of the family, mourn their mother's death, age 65 years. The West Queen, Prichard and Fidelity Courts gave their grand public installation last Thursday evening week, at the Turner hall, Twelfth and Oak streets. They had a very large attendance. The Knights Templars made quite a display. The Most Ancient Matrons are as follows: Mrs. S. Smith successor to Mrs. L. Williams, in West Queen; Mrs. M. Jacobs, successor to Mrs. W. Brown, in Prichard; and Mrs. M. Powell, successor to Mrs. L. Pain, in the Fidelity. Mrs. L. Balden, who laid sick and had an operation performed, which is known and acknowledged by the physicians of the All Saints Hospital to be their first and most wonderful and complicated one ever undergone in the city of their knowledge. Her experience has been quite a lesson.

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Light Hearts and Twinkling Feet.

Denver, Colo., Special.

George Robinson, who was struck on the head by a stone thrown by Walter Vernell, is improving. M. E., the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Chinn, has returned to his home in Leadville. The most delightful party of the season was the social hop given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson by the Ninety-Four Whist club. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Hackley, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers, Mr. and Mrs. Travers, Mr. and Mrs. Overton, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Battles, Misses Maud Smith, Martha Joseph, Earnie and Abba Travers, Livera Smith and Marcie Gooden, Messrs. Otey Early, Bondurant, Spratlin and McCullough. Light hearts and merry feet kept time to sweet strains of music until the wee small hours bade them bid the hostess a pleasant good night. The Union Republic League and the Women Voters' club held a joint meeting at the court house Thursday. "The Growler" in the Statesman lately gave a gentle hint to one of our young ladies. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

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Coming Children's Day.

Wynne, Ark., Special.

S. D. Cobbs, who has been sick at his home, is back in town once more. The A. M. E. church are expecting a grand time on Children's Day the first Sunday in June. Prof. E. G. Furgeson and wife is attending the Teachers' State Normal School at Forest City this week. Miss V. T. Moffleet has just returned from Moorehead, Miss, where she has been attending school. The young people had an enjoyable time at the social the other night. We hope such a time will come again.

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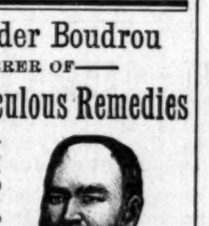

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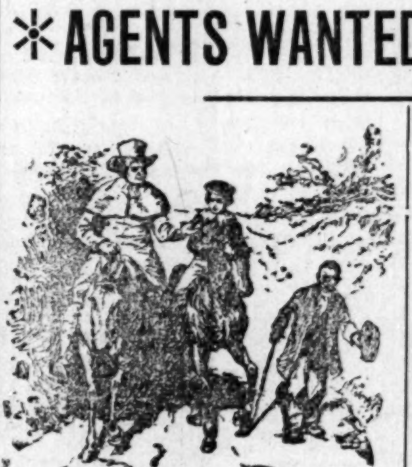

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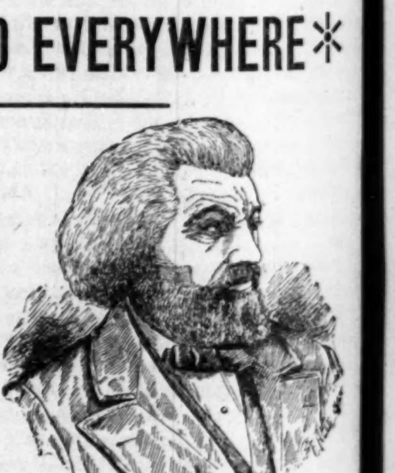

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Decatur, Ala., Special.

The biennial election for city officers took place Tuesday, May 1st. Fully 200 men stood about and along Bank street and listened to the several speeches on the night before the election delivered by H. V. Cashin, who was in favor of Hon. R. P. Baker, and the Hon. C. P. Sykes and Dr. W. E. Sterrs, who favored the re election of the Hon. H. S. Freeman. Justice Sykes, in his firm and considerate way, called the attention of his colored brother to the time when the Hon. B. W. Lemmons, our first colored alderman, entered the City Council and all acts did by him and the Council for the benefit of his race. He then quoted the acts of the Hon. M. H. Banks, the next colored alderman who came to the front, with all the acts in favor of his race. Then thirdly came the actions of the servant, Justice C. P. Sykes, who held all that had been done by his predecessors. He also showed up the city school building, the colored policemen and boss of prisoners, also water, gas and street improvements which had been added during his administration and which had been held by the Hon. A. J. Carpenter, who followed him, and all the additions connected by Mr. Carpenter, and said that the Hon. H. S. Freeman was with all of them as alderman, with the exception of A. J. Carpenter, and any man that had assisted in so much good work in favor of his race was the man for the colored people to continue in office. Dr. W. E. Sterrs, who followed the honored son of Decatur, called the attention of his people to personal favors extended by Mayor Freeman to them during the hours of need and advised all lovers of his race to favor those in office who favored them in improvement of their streets, school buildings, education of their children, suppression of crime, etc. Of the 448 ballots cast only 30 of them were thrown out on account of mistakes in not conforming to the law in marking them. The total vote cast fell 50 short of the total number registered. The following is the vote each candidate received. The ones marked with a star were elected. For Mayor: *H. S. Freeman, 264; R. P. Baker, 172; J. B. Stewart, 42. For Councilmen: *W. E. Todd, 246; P. J. Edwards, 117; *Wm. Moseley, 198; H. A. Skeggs, 143; L. S. Robinson, 192; John V. Wyker, 117; *J. J. Sykes, 185; John Hindes, 99; Ed W. Collier, 158; Joe Barker, 82; L. H. Price, 29. The city public school closed Thursday night, May 3rd, and Prof. T. J. Marsh and Miss Annie were highly complimented by the good people of the city, white and black, for their able and beneficial work for the little ones. Master Dave Hall played his part with manhood and promised to be added to the City Council in a few years. Chas. Jefferson was there and wants Hall to make room, for he will follow. Rev. W. F. Smith has been quite successful in his revival which has been in progress for two weeks. He baptized twelve new converts Sunday and says that he has just commenced his war on sin.

Hon. J. J. Sykes, the newly elected colored member of the City Council, says that he will follow the example of his brother, Justice Sykes, and be with the City Council four years, that is, if he can get the other members to favor what he wants for his people, and he is then sure that his people will send him the second time. Rev. M. J. Hooks is the pastor of the Missionary Baptist church and is a good speaker. Wm. Reynolds, our grocer, is a hustler. Prof. J. T. Gettes will close his school in our sister city, New Decatur, Ala., next week with a graduating class who, I feel, will receive many valuable presents. W. A. Harris is one among the many merchants of the city and, if he lives, will be one of the strong men of Decatur in a few years. C. N. McDaniels is enlarging his stock of groceries. W. B. Byum, Ben Hayes and Green Roper are doing a good barber business. E. J. Walker spent Sunday in the country. Miss Eunice Sykes acted nice in the concert. Master Henry Davis is the coming orator of Decatur, says Prof. Marsh. John Fennell was shot by Ben McDurmott, Saturday night, but not fatal. There are 110 children attending the M. E. Sunday school. The baby of Thomas H. and Mrs. Hayword died May 7th.

House Blown from the Blocks.

Bonham, Tex., Special.

Rev. G. W. Baber's church and Sunday school are in a flourishing condition. He has been pastor in charge of the M. E. church here for a long time, and all seem to respect him. T. G. Edwards, of Dodd City, Tex., was visiting his mother, Mrs. Adeline Lightfoot. Henry Johnson has built for himself a very handsome little house. Ed. Reynolds is also building a house. It was about half finished last Sunday, when the wind blew it off the blocks. A ladder fell on Houston Cannon at the picnic, on the 5th, inst., striking his head, it "laid him out" for a while. He is up at this writing. Mrs. Dr. Cook loves The Freeman. You would better subscribe, only $1.50 per year. Bonham had quarantine against Texarkana, Ark., supposing the small pox to have been there, but it has lately been pronounced as black measles. Glad to hear it. On Saturday, May 5th, a grand picnic was given by the Bethleham Baptist church. It was a pleasant day. Visiting friends from the country and neighboring towns, as well as the home folks, did what they could to help the cause, and all had a jolly time. Good order was prevalent. A base ball game was begun, but when near the finish a dispute broke it up. The contesting clubs were Honey Grove and Bonham. They were about even when they quit. The entertainment given at night by the Starlight band, was one of the grandest affairs of its kind lately had in Bonham.

A Money Gatherer.

Lithonia, Ga., Special.

Rev. C. Milton is carrying on a revival. Rev. Milton has collected more money for church purposes at a certified limited time than any evangelist that Lithonia's history can witness of his denomination. Newton Phillips, a first-class professional barber of the town, cannot be surpassed. Mr. Phillips is an intelligent young man and he says there is not a home complete among the colored people without The Freeman. He never fails to encourage the young man or lady who wishes to rise to education, character and intelligence. Purchase The Freeman from George Robinson, the agent. He says that it is the greatest Negro journal in the new world. L. O. Kelsey is one of the greatest cornetists known in this geographical locality. We have a band in this place which can't be surpassed, of which Mr. Kelsey is the instructor. Their "voices" are melodiously sweet. Prof. John W. Center is another son of prudence whom I must not overlook in this column. Prof. Center is a national orator and also an assistant clerk of the New Hope Association, Moderator J. C. Center is an energetic evangelist. He is a pioneer preacher of this place. He said, in his grand speech to the young people, "You can't make anything out of a pig but a hog."

Educator Dead.

Galveston, Tex., Special.

We announce the sudden death, from quick consumption, of Frank J. Webb, principal of the West District public school of Galveston, Tex., for thirteen years, and resident for twenty-five years of this city, but a native of Philadelphia, Pa. He was born March 21, 1828; husband of Mrs. M. Esparton Webb, the first Shakespearean Dramatic reader of color in America during 1852-53; who died at Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I., where he married Mrs. M. R. Rodgers Webb, of that city, whom we all know so well as an evangelist and lecturess of the present day. Mrs. Webb spent the winter and spring busy at such work in Ohio, returning to Galveston on a telegram last week in time, with his children, to close his weary eyes peacefully at his residence, 3218 West Avenue N. He was buried on the 11th, at Lake View cemetery. He was a licened lay reader in the St. Augustine church, (Episcopal), and its Senior Warden; Past Grand Master of Masons, Galveston, and honored and esteemed by the Superintendent, School Board and citizens. He has gone home to rest, leaving six children to regret his premature departure.

Turner Declared the Greatest Benefactor.

Bryan, Tex., Special.

R. S. Lewis has sold his homestead on the West side and will buy a home nearer the schools and churches. Miss C. O. R. Grant, secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday school has closed her school in Burleson county and is with the old folks at home. The present faculty of the graded school has been re-elected for the scholastic session of 1894 and 1895. Payne Literary Coterie held an interesting session on the 3rd inst. at which this question was warmly debated: "Affirmed that Bishop Turner has done more for the elevation of the Negro race than Fred. Douglass." The discussion was vigorous and instructive. The judges decided that the Turner side had won by a majority of three points. In the Mayor's court the other day a young colored man, Tom Calhoun, was fined for delivering a verbal message from an old flame to a lady now married. Strange to say the language was not indecent, but the lady considered it an "insult." A Republican pow-wow called by big chief Holly Hall, was held on April 28th, three miles West of Bryan, to consider the best interests of the party. The committee on resolutions reported that the Democratic party is the cause of all the ills the country now suffers. On local politics the last clause contained an innocent looking little resolution saying that "for county officers we will support conservative men regardless of their polttical affiliation." Chairman Goosby failed to explain the meaning of the term "conservative," and the last clause was put to rest by a motion to strike out. For keen scented politicians and adept heelers, come to Bryan, Brazos Co., Tex. Prof. A. N. Newton, closed his school in Burleson Co., for two weeks that his children may recreate themselves a little with the hoe. Rev. Shivers is at Montgomery, Tex. The reception given at Mrs. Whitehead's on the 4th inst., was a grand success. Miss C. Grant of Hearne was in the city lately; she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead. Our colored detective, Will Haynes, is soon to move his family to El Paso. Recent arrivals Rev. D. Jefferson, of Houston, Rev. Robt. Wilson, of Hearne, Prof. B. Moore, of Hearne. The protracted meeting is having its desired effect. A company of ladies have opened a park on the West side of town for the benefit and pleasure of all.

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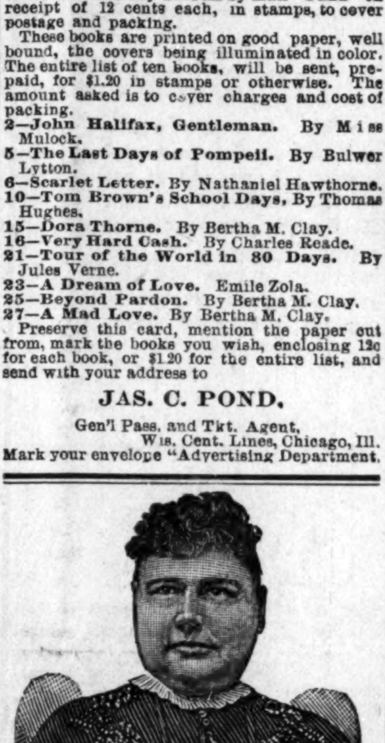

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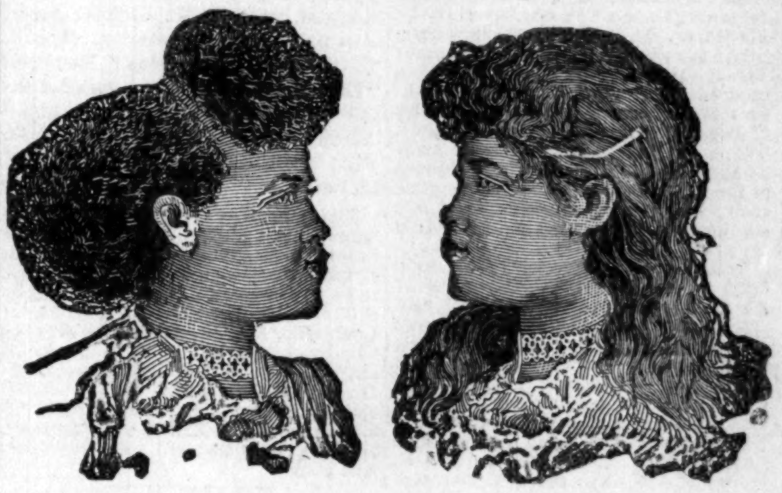

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Obituary

DR. JAS. B. ELBERT, DEAD—

End Of A Promising Life—Something Of A Worthy and Upright Young Man.

"How is this strong staff broken,
This beautiful rod."
—(Bible.)

All of God's ways are just and his mercy endureth forever; but there are occasions, calamities happening every day effecting the even flow and serenity of our little lives here below that, but for the sustaining faith that passeth understanding, that inscrutible, inexplicable something that is seen at its greatest power and mystery in the smile that wreaths the face of a dying friend, would be more than we could endure. Dr. James B. Elbert, "Jimmie" Elbert, as the intimate friends of his life time, were wont to address him, was in many respects a superior young man. The professional and civil future that awaited him here at home, up to within a few months ago, was a most promising one. A graduate of Indianapolis High school and the Medical College of Indiana, he was well equipped for the sphere he had elected to act in. With the gentleness of a shy, reticent woman, nevertheless he was very manly and was filled with a sense of inate responsibility as a professional man and citizen, that had he been spared, would have been talismans to broader and higher spheres of action and duty.

Graduating as a physician in 1889, he selected Memphis, Tenn , as a location; in a short time building up a paying and growing practice. The Memphis riots in '92, changed the current of his intentions, as the mobites incensed at him for his devotion to professional duty and fealty to his race in distress, sought to take his life. Wise council prevailed, he escaped from the clutches of the enemy, and returning to this city was taken in by his father, Dr. S. A. Elbert, as a partner in the splendid business the senior Elbert had been building for quite a quarter of a century. In the meantime he had wooed and won the hand of Miss Marinda Cooper of Memphis, Tenn; the wedding which was celebrated Nov., 16, 1892, at the residence of his parents this city, was more generally and largely attended than any similar occasion that had transpired for years.

Going into active work, he soon built up for himself, irrespective of his fathers clientage, a "ride" and office practice enjoyed by few if any of Indianapolis' young physicians. He was taken ill in February last, and gradually grew weaker until Sunday night about 8 o'clock thereabouts, God's finger touched him and he slept.

He was a Christian and a member in full standing of Bethel A. M. E. church of this city; superintendent of the Sunday school of the same church, also a member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and United Brethren crafts. Up to within a brief space before dissolution he possessed his mental faculties complete and calling father, mother, sisters and brothers and the beloved companion of his bosom to his bedside, he took them, one by one, by the hand and bade them a sad but hopeful good bye.

The last rites were conducted Tuesday at 2 p m. at the church; Dr. Henderson, assisted by many of the city clergy officiating, representatives from his three lodges being present and a very large concourse of mourning friends of both races. During the conduct of the obsequies at the church Mrs. Essie Fry Cook sang a sacred solo very sweetly, and with much feeling. The interment took place at Crown Hill cemetery.

Thus passed away and is at rest we know, a young man altogether worthy of the tears that were shed in sympaty for those who knew and loved him best, and the general unaffected sorrow of the masses of our population at his early demise.

CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL

Rev. T. L. Ferguson, P. E. of Bowling Green, Ky. is in the city.

The Freeman is on sale at the Bates House barber shop.

Two bands will furnish music for the great Concordant.

Oliver Stokes and Sam Fason have left for the Northwest.

Mrs. Mary Slemmons is home from a pleasant trip to Greencastle, Ind.

Hear the discussion of the progress of the race at the great Concordant.

Creole Switches on sale at Ladies department of the Bates house barber shop.

Don't fail to hear Rev. C. H. Parrish D. D, Ph. D at the Concordant.

All the pastors of the city have promised to attend the great Concordant.

The Hood literary reorganized at Lovely Lane church on last Tuesday evening.

Detective Ben. T. Thornton was in Madison Co. during the early part of the week

Rev. Maurice Lewis of Evansville was in the city during the early part of this week.

Spend one day of pleasure at the grand Concordant, at the State Fair Grounds on the 24th.

T. J. Band, of Findlay, O., is visiting his cousin, Mrs. H. D. Scott, 323 North California street.

The first chance for an enjoyable time in the sweet zephers of the forest on the 24th.

A social entertainment was held at the residence of Celia Bass 122 Agnes St. on last Friday evening.

The great band concert at the Concordant will begin at 8 a. m. and will continue until 11 p. m.

Miss Nettie Maud Christy has been indisposed for several days; convalescing.

Hear Drs. Parish and Henderson on art at the bicyclist exhibition on the 24th.

The May fair at South Calvary Baptist church is replete with many odd and fanciful attraction.

Thomas McClure, son of Merchant Policeman McClure, has brought suit for damages against Patrolman G. W. Dilts for assault and battery and false imprisonment, before Justice Johnson in sum of $100; Attorney Jas. T. V. Hill will appear on behalf of Mr. McClure.

Be sure to attend the bicyclist exhibition in front of the grand stand at Concordant.

Mrs. Martha Lewis who resides at 25 Howard St. left the city on last Sunday to visit relatives at Nashville, Tenn.

The reception given in honor of Rev. L. M. Hagood of Simpson chapel on last Wednesday evening was a grand affair.

Mrs. Josephine Caldwell, of 202 Agnes street, was called to Springfield, O., because of the death of her father.

A club known as the "Willing Workers" gave an entertainment for the benefit of the North Indianapolis Baptist church, on last Friday evening.

The "Corpus Lectorum" a literati of the South side met on last Monday night and passed a series of resolutions deploreing the sad death of Dr. J. B. Elbert.

James H. Williams, Esq., by invitation on the part of the citizens of Crawfordsville, repeated his popular lecture at that place under the auspices of Wayman literary.

The College Ave. cars will run to the Fair Grounds every fifteen minutes on the 24th, transfer tickets will be given to and from the Fair ground to any point in the city.

Omer Knox and Miss Minnie Hughes, of Greenfield, were united in marriage last Wednesday evening. W. H. Keen, Miss Emma Scott and others of this city and Richmond, Ind., were in attendance.

The following is the programme for the Epworth League; Thursday, May 24th, at Simpson Chapel: Solo, Amos Bybee; Scripture reading, Miss L. D. Rogister; solo, W. D. Collins; paper, Miss Susie Miller; recitation, Mrs. J. T. V. Hill. Discussion: Resolved, "That modern civilization does not excell that of ancient civilization." Affirmative, C. C. Stapp and J. T. V. Hill; negative, L. M. Hagood and W. M. Lewis.

The Concordia symposium under the management of Rev. J. W. Carr of the Second Baptist church on May the 24th at the Exposition building, promises to be a grand affair. Speeches will be delivered by Rev. C. H. Parrish of Louisville, Ky., W. Allison Sweeny of The Freeman, Rev. L. M. Hagood, D. D., Dr. S. A. Elbert, Wm. Chavis, M. D., Rev. T. W. Henderson of Bethel church, Prof. G. L. Knox, and Attorney Jas. T. V. Hill in the afternoon, at night festivities will rule the "wee wee hours."

Notice.

The editor of this paper knows of a colored boy (quite light), past ten years of age, for whom a permanent home is wanted. He is an orphan, and a very fine child in looks and disposition; would rather family would adopt him. References required. Any questions answered.

Our Young People and Our Aged Poor.

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Recovered From The State.

Austin, Tex., Special.

Miss Nora Walker, who was stabbed by Henrietta Macklin several weeks ago is able to be up and at school again. M. Gilmore is still ill. Mr. and Mrs. H. Gregg's little daughter, Jeffry has recovered. Mrs. J. H. Burns and her daughters, Misses Minnie and Alice, gave a grand supper and candy pulling Wednesday night, May 9th. The married people were invited at 7 o'clock and the young people at 8 o'clock. There were many present and all had a grand time. H. Calhoun and Sam Turner are able to be out again after a long stay at the hospital. Old Mr. James died Thursday May 8th; the funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at Grant's Chapel, preached by Rev. Masson. The funeral was very largely attended and he was buried in the colored cemetary. He leaves a wife, several children and many grand-children.

Every Man Should Read This.

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Sterling Citizen Dead.

Terre Haute. Ind., Special.

Mr. Garrett Berkshire, one of Terre Haute's oldest citizens died at his late residence, on 3rd street, Friday, after a lingering illness of several weeks. The deceased was born in Rising Sun, Ind., Oct. 31, 1826. In youth he worked at the cooper's trade, but in later years that of the tonsorial. During the past six years he has been located in this city, and had become well-known for his sterling business qualities. He was buried Sunday afternoon from the Missionary Baptist church. Rev. Clay delivered the funeral oration. He leaves a wife, daughter, two sisters, step-children, grand-children and numerous friends to mourn his loss. Mr. J R. Lytle, of St. Louis Mo., was in the city several days. He attended the funeral of his father, Garrett Berkshire.

Lost Relative.

My mother's name was Matilda Levy; when last I saw her she was in Plumb Pains, Md. I was sold from there 3 yrs. before the war; my master's name was James Massel. Any information will be gladly recieved by Sallie Henry. 403 W. 9th street, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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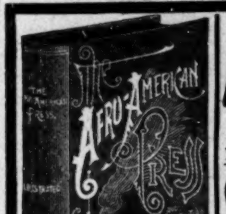

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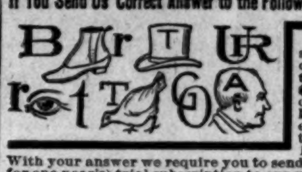

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